WHERE STEAM BLAST KILLED FOUR

Pagan Customs Survive In Christian Festival

were built or rented adjoining the gaster parade, Easter dawn services, Easter eggs and the and drinking utensils. Some of abil are so mixed up with religion, paganism and folklore these ultimately became taverns. a powerful story like that of the Resurrection could survive while many more were retained for

of put on your new Easperpetuating one of the tions of Christendommg of white robes by the

sildren may wake up earrise you-an ancient custhey'll hunt for Easter mitive symbols of the gerlife of early spring. You'll the eggs were laid by rabbit-a pagan emblem

the very name of Easter an old Anglo-Saxon word ved from Eostre, a Teuidess of the rising light

Joy Means Noise be annoyed if the children noise has accompanied during Lent, of Easter since earliest Until recently throughout Europe, anyone was perenter the belfries and church bells on Easter. was kept up for most of

y of Easter has been variserpreted in every counin every century of the era. The Catholic Entells how priests of Alan W. Watts, S.T.M., in his new words "My Redeemer". in the 15th century thought their sermons to make rehes ring with laughter. Easter laughter," says uses of the word of God, is and again by Maximilin the 18th century."

ill Games in Church th France and Germany, es and dances by bishops, priests and monks in front ltar. It was all symbolic, the ball representing the ich was believed to take

church, and equipped with kitchens ale this custom-cluttered spring day. what is now the normal social life of the church community."

On Easter Monday wives may smite their husbands! On Easter Tuesday

had been under strict discipline

Within the memory of many per-

church fabric.

Brawls Brought Taverns

it's vice versa!

At first the bishops issued severe edicts against these "sacrilegious Easter fires". But all over Europe people insisted on starting them. So, the Catholic Encyclopedia observes, "the Church adopted the observance into the Easter cere-

However, the strength of the

church is illustrated in its adjust-

ment to many other springtime

capers that people confused with

Easter. One is the Easter Fire.

This was lighted on top of a moun-

tain, and secording to pagan prac-

tice, it had to be kindled from new

fire-drawn from wood by friction.

The fire signified the victory of

spring over winter

Easter Egg's Origin

But of course, the Easter egg remains the most universal sym-Although the church eventually bol of the day. It seems to have on Easter morning, Instead of usbanned such shennanigans, the had its origin in the fact that eggs ing holy water to waken the sleepcustom survived in other forms. were forbidden during Lent, When ers, they used "health-giving" pagthey were brought to the festive an switches. sons still living the ball game was table on Easter Day, they were

'with great spirit by 12 old wothat carries on the practice of giv- Protestant churches in outdoor One of the most ribald Easter ing each member of the Easter settings, such as natural amphicongregation an egg bearing the theaters and mountainsides. And customs is described by the Rev.

book "Easter" (Henry Schuman, And this habit of getting up these services stem directly from in the 13th century thought New York). It is the story of ale early to find eggs and to surprise pagan sun dance ceremonies of drinking parties in the churches. each other is purely an ancient greeting the spring sun from a hill-"The fact that almost all church tradition. Before the 10th top. churches now have parish halls century in France, when a canon clopedia, "giving rise to attached to them," writes the Rev. was absent in the choir for first Mr. Watts, "is, in part, the result psalms of the morning, the others celebrating the return of spring hibited by Clement X (in of excluding another Easter festiv- would take the processional cross gravitated to Easter," admit the ity from the church itself. This and the holy water, march to the historians. And some of these cuswas the Easter 'Church Ale,' a con- absentee's house, and finding him toms are odd, indeed. vivial distribution and drinking of in bed, they'd sprinkle him with On Easter Monday, for instance ale after the principal Easter ser- water to wake him. Then he was women are supposed to have a by was taken to sanction vice, the money derived from it led to church. In punishment he right to strike their husbandsbeing used for repairs to the was compelled to provide break- on Tuesday the men may strike fast for the others.

Switching in Bed "It is certain," he continues, that Church Ales easily degener- stop to that, but the custom sur- Sunday and claim the privilege ups in rising on Easter ated into brawls and for this reason vived among the people. In many of lifting every woman three times But apparently a good were ordered out of the church it- parts of Europe parents and chil- from the ground. In payment for



REPORTERS EXAMINE the spot where a boiler tube blew out in a New York steam plant, killing four men who were checking meters. The company produces live steam, which is sent through underground pipes throughout Manhattan for heating and commercial use. (International)

· Today this early rising is percontinued at Bury St. Edmunds colored red to represent Easter joy. petuated with Easter dawn serv-There is a church in London ices, popularized by many of the Star In Program although thoroughly Christian,

How Paganism Perseveres

"A great many pagan customs

their wives.

In northern parts of England The bishops eventually put a men parade the streets on Easter had by all, for the clerics self. As a result, church houses dren tried to surprise each other such feats of male strength they

alded a week in advance the coming of Easter - in spite of the weather-with a fashion show of their Easter bonnets.

It was a spelling bee, which who asked their cooperation, rounded out the interteresting

About 20 per cent of all steel wire produced is used to make

get a kiss or a silver sixpence. The next day the women are permit- Mary Ruth Taylor of Canton, ted to try the same trick on the

Ladies' Hats

By Mrs. Bill Hollingsworth untaineer Correspondent)

The women of Francis Cove her-

lingsworth

program of entertainment

MORE ABOUT

Capital Letters

(Continued from Page Two)

several affiliates out of its ranks because it was thought they were Communist-controlled.

Sen. Robert R. Reynolds in 1940 introduced legislation to outlaw the Communist Party in the U. S., and later tried to get a law through which would have barred Communists from holding office in labor unions. This is not written as any endorsement of Bob Reynolds for the U.S. Senate, but is presented here to keep the record straight. Right now, this week, the Government, labor unions, and a West Coast jury are finally getting around to attending to some matters which Bob Reynolds saw with clear eyes ten years ago. Tolerance is sometimes worse than isolation-

LOCAL OFFICERS-Do city policemen, county sheriffs and their deputies sometimes cooperate with bootleggers and other violators of the liquor law? That's what Gov. Kerr Scott said last Friday . . . or at least he intimated that. He stated that in some counties State and Federal officers investigating liquor and narcotics cases have found "it's a hindrance to let local officers know what you're do-

He went on to explain that the news of the investigation sometimes gets to "the other side". This is a pretty severe indictment of local law enforcement officials, coming from the Governor that way, and he probably should say what counties instead of saying "some counties" and thus free The judges had a hard time pick- from suspicion those officials who ing out the best, but after care- aren't guilty of the accusation. A ful consideration, they decided the few months ago Governor Scott top prize should go to Edna Hol- and his ABC Board had these local officials come to Raleigh for a Edna Christopher's chapeau was conference on liquor law enforceclose second, and Mrs. Homer ment problems. They came, listen-West's was just as close a third, ed to advice thrown at them by There also was a bee in all these the State, and now they get a verbbonnets, but it created no worries. al kick in the pants from the man

MARRIAGE LICENSES

O. V. Davis of Robbinsville and Dorothy Clontz of Canton. Ben Fugate and Margaret L Russell, both of Haywood county. William C. Rogers of Enka and

Williard McCall of Balsam and

Betty Jo Fisher of Sylva.

DENIES ANY COMMUNIST SYMPATH



PREPARING TO REPLY to accusations made by Sen. Joseph McCart (R-Wis.), Dr. Esther Brunauer chats in Washington with Sen. Milla Tydings, chairman of the Senate subcommittee investigating charges of so-called "bad security" risks in the State Department. Taking the stand, Dr. Brunauer, Assistant Director for Policy Liaison of UNESCO, denie she had ever been a Communist or a sympathizer. (International)



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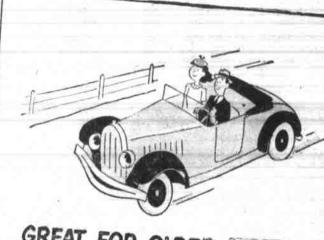


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