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Drive Three Ways

Someone has said, and with considerable justification, that teenaged lads drive three ways: when they're with their Mom and Dad, when they're by themselves and when they are with friends.

It's pretty sad when these youngsters try so hard to be accepted as adults, then betray their adolescence by the way they handle an automobile.

They demand the right to pick up a six-pack at the supermarket, just like adults. They rage because they haven't been given the vote. They angrily protest administration policy on the campus—if it doesn't suit their fancy.

Then they get into an automobile and drive to nowhere in particular at 75 miles an hour. Like everything else in life respect has to be earned. It is not earned by breaking speed laws and risking the necks of everyone in the community.

It isn't as though kids didn't know better. Our observation is that when alone they are mostly good drivers, with perhaps some natural youthful cockiness thrown in.

Because they are young they occasionally take chances their elders wouldn't dare try, but good reflexes and eyesight are

on their side. They may push the speed limit some—especially if their Dads have the same bad habit. They may corner faster than necessary with a squealing of tires. And when they brake to a stop (except in front of the house) they make it a very quick stop indeed.

But generally, they do know better than to do anything really stupid, anything that might result in the loss of that precious driver's license.

Of course, with parents along the driving of teenagers is likely to be quite restrained. Most parents would be thunderstruck if they could see their sons at their worst.

This lack of awareness of their children's driving habits is evidenced by the Department of Motor Vehicles' figures on teenaged drivers. While teenagers comprise less than 10 percent of the total number of drivers, they have 16 percent of the fatal wrecks.

And the same teenaged drivers have almost 40 percent of the death-dealing wrecks that occur between two and three o'clock in the morning.

Interesting facts, no? How many of the parents of these young people know where their children were? How many of them knew just how their

children were driving at that hour of the morning? Who were they with?

Some parents complain they are blamed for everything. Some even confess to having no control over their minor children. These parents have failed. The time to bend the twig is before it has turned into a sturdy young sapling. The parents of an 18 year old have the responsibility of overseeing that youngster's life until the youngster is capable of doing it himself.

This includes close supervision of his driving, with appropriate punishment for all known derelictions.

Such as grounding for a month, perhaps.

SON BORN TO CHAPPELS

Mr. and Mrs. John Chappell of Norfolk, Va., announce the birth of their first child, a son, John Wayne, born at DePaul Hospital Sunday, April 4, 1965. Mrs. Chappell is the former Miss Jean Hunter, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ward Hunter of Rt. 2, Hertford.

Easter

Easter, the principal ecclesiastical festival of the year, gets its name from Eostre, a Teutonic goddess whose festival was celebrated in the spring. Her name was given to the Christian festival as it was she, according to legend, who opened the gates of Valhalla to receive the White God and the Sun representing purity and light.

The history of Easter, which is a symbol of the Resurrection, is intertwined with many religious customs and observances dating back hundreds of years and before the time of Christ.

The Easter egg came to be associated with Easter because eggs were forbidden to be eaten during Lent and on Easter Sunday they were traditionally served. The Easter egg, though, had dated back to the Egyptians and the Greeks, and also the Romans, who ate eggs annually in their spring festivals.

In any event, it is appropriate that Easter comes in the spring, and the renewal of life is so important about us all. Sunrise services in our churches — an observance of recent origin in most churches — symbolizes the Resurrection at Sunrise. Today this religious practice is observed in practically all of the churches as a symbol of hope, inspiration and faith.

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Sunday School Lesson

CHRIST IS RISEN

International Sunday School Lesson for April 18

Memory Selection: "If thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved."—Romans 10:9.

Lesson Text: Matthew 28:1-10, 16-20.

Today, as befits the time of year that is upon us, we strive more fully to understand the Resurrection and the meaning it has for us in our lives.

After the terrible ordeal of Jesus' crucifixion, Joseph and Nicodemus tenderly and reverently cared for the body of the crucified Christ, bathing and anointing it, and wrapping it in clean linens; then they placed it in the tomb, sealing it and rolling a stone before the door.

The two Marys, in whose lives Jesus had centered so strongly, as an act of love, made their pilgrimage to the tomb of the crucified Christ, only to find that He had indeed risen from the dead.

Charged first by the Angel, and later by Jesus, to carry the good word to his disciples, the two women sped on their way with the glad tidings.

Downcast, bewildered by the death of their leader, the disciples were in a state of confusion and hopelessness. They felt great sorrow at the loss of a very dear friend; but they felt, somewhat, that Jesus had failed. Their faith was faltering. This should be understandable, for although all the miracles that were wrought in the life of Jesus had their own great and individual significance, the Resurrection was the greatest of them all.

Jesus had publicly staked his all on the fact that he would be reborn. If he was not, therefore, raised from the dead, he and all who followed him, of necessity, faced a grim and certain death. Should he come out of the grave, then they would be no longer in question of life everlasting, and the authenticity of his ministry.

Mankind is beset by fears of one kind or another, great or small, every day of his existence. Perhaps the greatest of these fears is the fear of death—the facing of the great unknown. For, no matter how bad things may seem in this life, at least we face them in a familiar background. Therefore, apart from the personal relationship felt by the disciples, it is easy to imagine the great sense of triumph that permeated their beings when they heard of their Lord's restoration from the grave. All their hardships, all their hard-won victories in the fight against great odds to spread Christianity among the people, were vindicated and crowned with significance. At last the fulfillment of mankind's natural hope and longing for life beyond the grave had been made sure.

The turning point had been reached: There was now, more than ever, a triumphant message to be carried abroad, and in the power of the risen Christ, the church began its conquest.

Evil loses out; God wins! This is the message of the Resurrection. It is a triumph, so significant in its portent, that it must be told. Such was the command of the risen Lord. And always, following a great event, the command to spread the tidings was given to the followers of Christ. This, as anyone who studies the Bible, will know, was the inevitable responsibility of those fortunate enough to participate in great experiences.

We, the beneficiaries of that infamous act on a hilltop many centuries ago, when God gave his only Son to death by crucifixion in order that we might be saved, are charged just as strongly, by a sense of gratitude for the blessings bestowed upon us, to spread the Christian Gospel far and wide. It is too great a gift not to be shared!

(These comments are based on outlines of the International Sunday School Lessons, copyrighted by the International Council of Religious Education, and used by permission.)

Make Church Going A Habit

Sunday John 4:25-40	Monday II Corinthians 5:14-21	Tuesday Galatians 4:1-14	Wednesday Ephesians 4:17-24	Thursday I Thessalonians 4:13-18	Friday Hebrews 10:19-25	Saturday I Peter 3:8-12
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EASTER MESSAGE



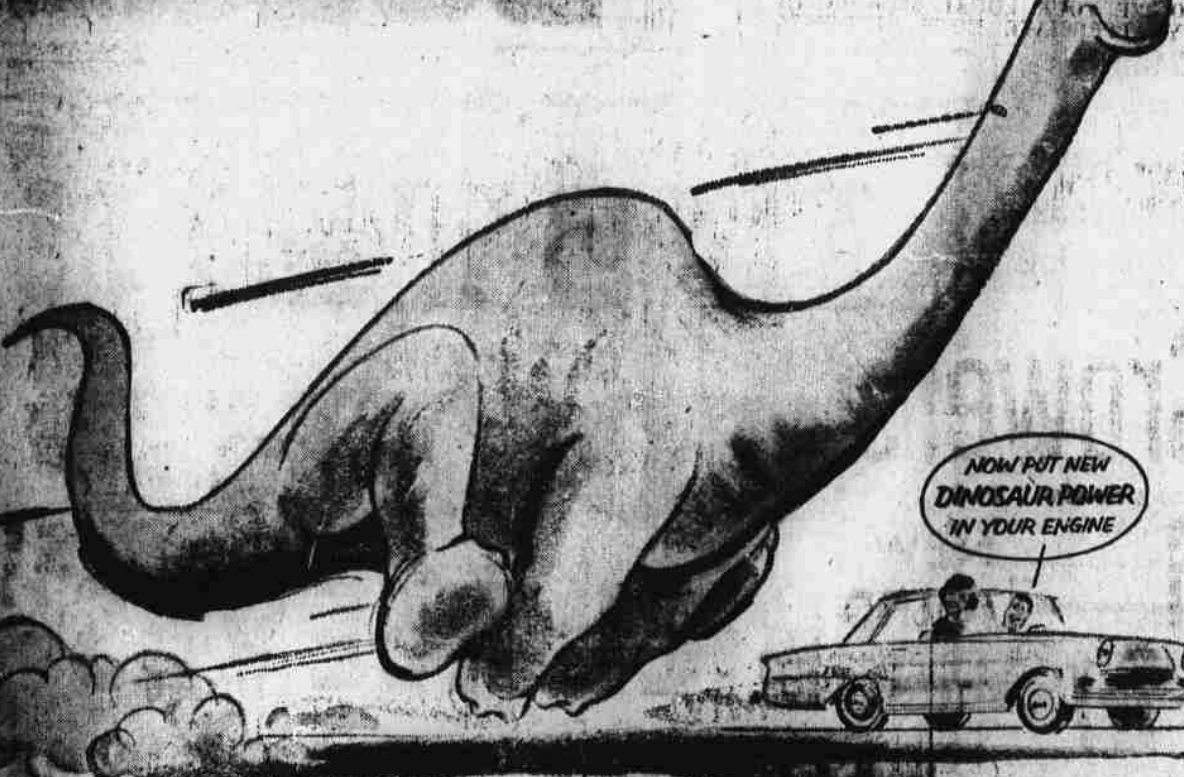
She's as young as spring-time, as sweet-scented as a lily, beautifully serious with the total dedication of youth. People in church smile as they watch her, and they walk out into the April sunlight feeling better, happier, for having seen her.

They cannot, ever again, be as young as she is, but this doesn't seem to matter. For she is a symbol to them. She represents the wonder of spring when the world becomes new and fresh again, when flowers bloom as if for the first time, and when the Church retells the story of its greatest miracle—Christ's promise of everlasting life.

This, unquestionably, was the greatest promise ever made, and the reminder of it comes at Nature's most perfect season. Be sure that you go to the church of your choice this Easter, so that you may again hear and remember the Easter message in all its glory.

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