

Easter Bunny Tradition Began in Pennsylvania

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Aside from the religious aspect of the Easter season, a hare and a would-be chick have played a prominent role in the celebration of this holiday.

The hare, or the Easter Rabbit, was originally a Pennsylvania phenomenon. Credit for this is taken by the millions of 19th century German immigrants who settled primarily in the southeastern region of the state, more commonly known as Pennsylvania Dutch country. Thus, wherever the Pennsylvania Dutchman migrated after his arrival, he took the custom of the Oschter Haws with him.

THE CUSTOM of the rabbit and the brightly-colored eggs did not spread from the Dutch culture until some time after the Civil War because the Quaker, Scotch-Irish and Episcopalian neighbors of the Dutch did not approve of the celebration.

According to tradition, the rabbit is the one who left the egg in children's baskets on Easter morning. There were, however, some families who stuck to the "rationalist" view and refused to tell their offspring this myth, along with the similar belief about Santa Claus. It is supposed that

these people were not the ones who had a cake on their table in the shape of a rabbit laying an egg.

THE EGG itself is steeped in traditions which include not only decorations, but egg-eating contests, easter egg trees and eggs given as gifts.

The art of decorating an egg has been preserved throughout the years, but it has lost a great deal of the prestige originally accorded to it. Whereas the modern child's temptation is to eat the colored egg, collecting the eggs over the years used to be a hobby. Some of these collectors persist, and they pride themselves on owning a 65-year-old egg.

A NEWSPAPER article in 1874 reported an egg-eating contest in which the winner was said to have eaten 56 eggs. The editor reported at the same time that he was doubtful about the truth of this feat.

Another widely-held bit of holiday lore concerns weather. There is a saying, "A white Christmas—a green Easter, or a white Easter—a green Christmas." The white Christmas this year, augmented by a favorable weather report now circulating, encourages hope for a green Easter, according to believers of this tale.

Trustees OK Plans to Erect New Buildings

Preliminary plans for the construction of five buildings on campus by the General State Authority were approved by the Board of Trustees last weekend.

Walter H. Wiegand, head of the physics plant, said that the buildings include construction of an Earth Sciences building, to be located where the present Continuing education building now stands; an extension to the main unit of Recreation Hall; a Conference Center, to be located at old Beaver Field; the second unit of the Education-Psychology unit, also to be located on old Beaver Field, and the Life Sciences Building, to be located west of Frear Laboratory.

SUBMISSION OF final plans for all but the Recreation Hall addition is expected before the end of the year, with the final plans for that construction expected by July 1963, Wiegand said.

Construction on the Life Sciences building is scheduled to begin in November of this year with work on the Education-Psychology unit scheduled to begin in December. Construction on the Conference Center will begin in January and on the Earth Sciences building and the Recreation Hall addition in March 1963. The total anticipated cost for the construction of these five buildings is slightly over \$8.5 million, Wiegand said.

Juniors May Apply For Graduate Aid

Juniors interested in obtaining 2,500 graduate fellowships in financial aid for graduate school science for a three-year period, for the fall of 1963 should begin talking to their advisors now. Dr. Edward B. van Ormer, assistant dean of the Graduate School, said recently.

Juniors planning to attend the University graduate school should contact the department of their choice regarding assistantships or special scholarships, he said.

THE UNIVERSITY graduate school sponsors 40 non-stipend or any other type of financial aid scholarships, which exempt students from all major fees and information on programs offered are available to qualified students in any field. The student must carry a full academic load and need financial aid, van Ormer said.

STUDENTS DESIRING to attend other university graduate schools should apply for fellowships, scholarships or assistantships before May 1.

The Woodrow Wilson National Fellowship Foundation awards 1,000 fellowships annually for first-year graduate study at an institution of the students' choice. The applications for these fellowships must be submitted before Oct. 31, van Ormer said.

THE NATIONAL SCIENCE Foundation awards approximately

Approximately 950 fellowships for one year of graduate study abroad are available through the Fulbright Act. Applications for these fellowships must be submitted by the end of October.

Van Ormer said that students interested in obtaining fellowships or any other type of financial aid for graduate study can obtain information on programs offered by various graduate schools throughout the country in the Graduate School office.

A FILE IS also maintained by the Graduate School, which contains information about scholarships, assistantships and fellowships available from industrial organizations, foundations and federal agencies.

Approved Fraternities

All fraternities are approved for social events today and tomorrow except Delta Sigma Phi and Zeta Psi, which are approved for tomorrow only, the Fraternity Affairs Office announced yesterday.

Trustees Hear Walker's Summary Of New Gifts, Contracts, Agreements

A total of \$4,003,991.54 in gifts, contracts and agreements was received by the University during the period Dec. 11, 1961, to March 9, President Eric A. Walker reported to the Board of Trustees last weekend.

New contracts and gifts amounted to \$983,117.82. The two largest agreements were from the National Science Foundation and the American Chemical Society.

The NSF is sponsoring a "Summer Institute in Science and Mathematics for Secondary School Teachers" with a \$107,000 contract.

Unrestricted research in the petroleum field will be carried on under a \$50,000 grant from the American Chemical Society.

Of 54 contracts or agreements renewed, the \$2,258,435 contract

with the Naval Weapons Bureau was the largest. The sum is to provide for the continuing operation of the Ordnance Research Laboratory.

The value of the renewed contracts is \$3,020,873.72.

Sorority Housing Forms

Sorority housing chairmen must submit their room assignment applications for the 1962-63 year to the Department of Housing by May 15.

Before that date each sorority member should talk with her housing chairman and plan for her room request, Terry Shaffer, Panhel housing chairman, said.

Each girl must sign and date her individual application before submitting it to the sorority housing chairman, Miss Shaffer said.

Two Students Injured In Route 322 Accident

Two students were injured slightly in a collision on Route 322 in the Seven Mountains area yesterday afternoon, state police reported.

Jeffrey Rosenblum, sophomore in business administration from East Meadows, N.Y., suffered an injury to his left knee and a cut lip and Jerome Deener, freshman in business administration from South Orange, N.J., suffered a laceration of the left leg and a forehead bruise. They were treated at Centre County Hospital and released.

The accident occurred when the car driven by Rosenblum ran into the left rear end of a truck driven by George M. Huffman of Grandville. Huffman was uninjured.



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