

Chatterbox

Holy Season Messages

EDITOR'S NOTE: The following Easter messages were written for the Post by various Dallas area clergy.)

"AN EASTER MEDITATION"
BY REV. THOMAS CLEWOW
Trucksville United Methodist Church

Mark's Gospel reports the following: "And entering the tomb, they saw a young man sitting on the right side, dressed in a white robe; and they were amazed. And he said to them, 'Do not be amazed; you seek Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He has risen, he is not here; see the place where they laid him...And they went out and fled from the tomb for trembling and astonishment had come upon them; and they said nothing to any one, for they were afraid.'" (16.5, 6, 8)

Can you blame them? Wouldn't you be? They were unsettled. Confused. Death, after all is final. Isn't it? They were unsettled because like all of us, they made certain assumptions. Challenge in any serious way our assumptions concerning the world and nothing seems safe or secure. Even during his life-time Jesus faced enough of that kind of thing.

It's always been that way. From Sarah biting her lip behind the tent flap, to the infinitely more serious reaction of the church to science's pioneers who redefined the structures of creation. What's true, is true...isn't it? Don't go confusing me with the facts. The world was created in seven days. The flood occurred precisely on...! Heaven is up there, earth is here, hell is down there. The earth is the center of the universe, around which the sun revolves. If man were meant to fly...

What do you mean "he's not here?" Impossible! In Galilee? No way. Tell Peter and the others? You must think we're crazy!

But what if...what if it's true? What if God knows what he's doing? What if He's won after all?

The world must know...the world must know!

"KNOW THE JOY OF HOPE"
BY REV. DANNY WHITE
Dallas Baptist Church

This Easter will be special for the John Doerfler family of Harveys Lake. For them, the hope of new life is personified in their 10-year old son, Andy.

This past December, Andy could not seem to shake a nagging infection. He would recover only to fall ill with another fever.

On New Year's Eve, John and Maureen rushed their son to an emergency midnight appointment with Dr. Thomas Campbell. They were ordered to Nesbitt Hospital for a blood analysis on Andy. Instructions were written up for him to be admitted in the General Hospital at dawn.

1983 began in an obscure twilight for the Doerfler family. Little did they know that the worst was yet to come.

On New Year's morning, Dr. Campbell, with his best bedside-manner gave the shocking news.

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"There is a disturbance in Andy's white blood cells," the physician said. "The blood specialists in th Valley can not make a conclusive diagnosis. We will have to send him to Philadelphia for further tests."

The drive to the city seemed to take longer that day. Suddenly, the Penn State football game and the traditions of New Year's Day faded away to insignificance.

After the tests, the doctor at Children's Hospital told the family, "I have some good news and some bad news. The bad news is that your son has leukemia. The good news is that we have found it in its earlier stages," he said. He went on to explain the great medical advances made in recent years for the treatment of this cancer. Twenty years ago, there would have been no hope. Five years ago, there would have been a possibility of recovery. Today, the doctor explained, there is much hope.

Mixed feelings of anxiety and faith swept across the room. Prayers were offered.

The treatment process began. Our church extended emotional support and prayed. Our community rallied to help. The Boy Scout Troop 331 of Harveys Lake had a hoagie sale for the family. The insta-buckets from Channel 16 and the teachers from the Lake-Lehman school district sponsored a benefit basketball game. Help came from others, too. All of this went to assist the family with medical expenses, the trip to Philadelphia, and housing. And, of course, there was the Ronald McDonald House. You hear a lot about that house, but you do not realize its value until you

need it.

Today, Andy's cancer is in remission. This Easter Sunday will find John and Maureen Doerfler in church. Beside them will be all three of their boys, Doug, Mike and Andy. They know what hope is. They know what life is.

The Easter message that Jesus Christ arose from a cold, dark grave to bring life and light to the world will mean more than it ever has before.

As they sing the grand old hymns of faith and hear the sermon, thoughts of Easter joy will dance across their minds—the joy of a risen Savior, the joy of being in a community and a church that cares, and the joy of gratitude for modern medicine and skilled doctors.

This Easter, the Doerflers know the joy of hope. And, if I know anything about them, I know that their prayer is for all of you to discover this hope in worship this Easter Sunday, 1983.

CELEBRATING THE RESURRECTION

BY REV. JAMES A. WERT
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With the proclamation, "Christ the Lord is risen! He is risen indeed!" and with hymns such as "Jesus Christ Is Risen Today", millions of Christians around the world - other than traditional Eastern Orthodox - will gather in sunrise services and regular morning services on Easter Sunday to celebrate the Resurrection of the Son of God.

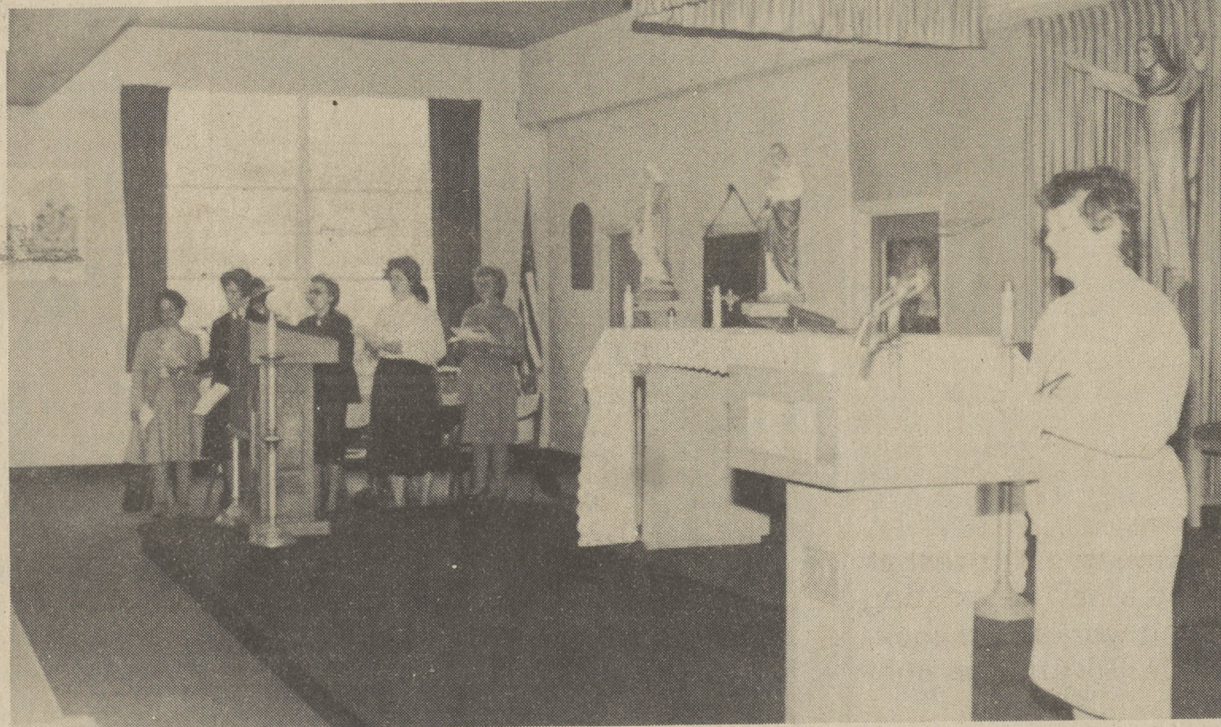
Of all the liturgies of the Christian

Church, Easter is the most ancient and festive. Because the Resurrection is so central to Christian belief, the Apostle Paul, early church leader, was able to teach: "If Christ is not risen, then your faith is in vain." Easter recalls that by a mighty miracle of God the Father, Jesus the crucified was raised from the dead to the living. He becomes "Christus Victor," Christ victorious over sin and death and evil, alive again in the world, reigning triumphantly with the Heavenly Father as Redeemer of the world.

Easter is a joyful time marked by many ancient colorful symbols of new life. There are the flowers of spring - especially the white lily - decorated eggs, the butterfly, the sunrise with its bright rays, and the empty cross. The date of Easter falls between March 22 and April 25, usually on the first Sunday after the first full moon, on or after March 21.

From the Easter Celebration of Christ's Resurrection, Christians derive the power to live in this life with hope and joy and faith and freedom from the fear of death. It gives Christians the courage to stand with those who are without hope and voice and justice and to plead for their rights and dignity and opportunity as human beings.

For God, in His divine love, has provided us with confidence to share with Christ in the struggles of this mortal life and has opened to all who trust Him, the gates to eternal life, sharing in the Resurrection. To know that Christ has triumphed over the influences that tried to destroy Him gives Christians the faith that God's purpose will ultimately triumph.



WORLD DAY OF PRAYER: The Annual World Day of Prayer in the Back Mountain area was held at Gate of Heaven Church in Dallas recently. Sister Rosanne, RSM, a native of Guyana, was guest speaker. Rita Lyons was soloist and Emily Steltz, organist. Father William Cusick is pastor of Gate of heaven. (Dan Walsh Photo)

Only Yesterday

Township Taxpayers Demand Tax Reduction

50 Years Ago - March 31, 1933

Dallas Township Taxpayers Association delivered an ultimatum to the officials by means of a petition. They stressed the need for collecting \$40,000 delinquent taxes, cited 75 percent cut in farmer's income and asked for corresponding reduction in taxes in the township.

Goodleigh Farms, Dallas Township, was awarded a blue ribbon for fine showing of Guernseys and exceptional accomplishment in dairy herd improvement. Deaths--Elizabeth Ryman, Wyoming.

You could get--Fresh eggs 21c doz.; flour 24½ lb. bag 63c; hot cross buns 10c doz.; Old Dutch Cleanser 2 cans 15c; brooms 21c ea.; butter 2 lb. 39c.

40 Years Ago - April 2, 1943
Jane Lohman, Trucksville's first woman postmistress, retired from

her position. A resident of Trucksville, Jane was the widow of William Lohman, who served as a teller at Miner's Bank for many years.

Red Cross drive exceeded quota by 27 percent in the area. Kingston Twp. Schools contributed an additional \$50, adding to the sum of \$3,277.82 already raised.

Married--Robert Wayne Montz to Leslie Adele Lewis.
Birthdays--Anna Covert, 84 years old.

Deaths--Huldah Case Davis, Harveys Lake; Thaddeus Watson, Beaumont.

You could get sausage--35c lb.; butter, 45c lb.; evaporated milk 6 tall cans 77c; prunes 16 oz. bag 17c; apples 3 lb. 25c; lettuce 12c hd.

30 Years Ago - April 3, 1953
The First National Bank of Dallas was purchased by the Miners National Bank of Wilkes-Barre. President W.B. Jeter announced

Library News

BY NANCY KOZEMCHAK

The collection in our display case at the library for the next four weeks is "for the birds." It is literally, birds. Thanks to George and Janice Jenkins of Lehman for sharing some beautiful hand carved and painted wood birds.

These birds are over 50 years old and were made by Janice's uncle, Arthur Blackstone and his son, Jess. Sir William Blackstone, the first settler of Boston Common is an ancestor of Janice's. There is a chickadee sitting on a carved heart,

which Janice received one Valentine's Day; a red-headed duck mounted on a stone with driftwood and a common loon sitting on a lake surrounded by his natural habitat. We have a bobwhite, blue bird, white pelican, penguin, mallard duck, house wren and herring gull.

The entire collection of the U.S. Postage stamps mint prints of the 1982 birds and flowers are on display also, along with a paper showing the record of observation for bird watching, which Mr. Jenkins has kept since moving to Lehman 11 years ago. There is also

a turkey call for picture taking and two deer, a buck and doe, which were carved by an 87-year old man who died before finishing them. There is a carved pelican made by Mr. Jenkins when he was a boy.

Mr. Jenkins was an executive with the YMCA in Manchester, N.H. for 45 years and they moved to Lehman to retire. These two people have spent 49 years together enjoying everything and we are thrilled they have seen fit to share some of their love of life with us. This display is both interesting and educational!

We have a lovely bouquet of



A Little Fact;

A Little Fancy

from Mak

The Easter season is rapidly coming to a close, and the next few days will be filled with religious celebrations of the resurrection of Jesus Christ.

The Dallas Post has reserved a special section of the paper for schedules of church services throughout the area. It is my hope that our readers who traditionally make the journey with Our Lord continue to find it as awesome and renewing as ever. At times, it appears as if the world becomes too much for us to accept and understand. But many can find the solace and comfort to move ahead in the words and teachings of the Church. May your celebration of the Easter holidays be a joyous one.

On a more secular level, the holiday is traditionally a time for candy eggs and bunny rabbits, colored eggs, and expansive arrays of food. It is also a celebration of spring, new-life and rebirth.

When it's all over, however, families-especially those with children-are traditionally left with large amounts of the goodies prepared for Easter Day.

As with all holidays, family tradition plays a large part in the celebration. One very special tradition is described in Joan Kingsbury's Cookbook this week. Read about Penny Iorio's Chocolate Easter Egg recipes and how they've come down through the generations in her family. Also, you may want to try them yourself. They are absolutely, the best!

Speaking of eggs, how many times have you been so impressed with a restaurant's breakfast that you wanted to tell everyone? "Never," you say? "Well, maybe once!"

Anyway, the Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture is giving you a chance to spread the word about your favorite breakfast restaurant. Together with the Pennsylvania Egg Marketing Association, the Department is sponsoring a "Good Egg" Contest. To enter, simply nominate any restaurant serving an incredible egg-citing breakfast for a "Good Egg Award." Each person nominating a restaurant will receive a 65-page "Classic Egg Dishes" recipe book.

Any restaurant receiving 10 or more nominations will receive a "Good Egg" award and be recognized during the month of

May, Pennsylvania Egg Month.

As an aside here, did you know that Pennsylvania produced 4.2 billion eggs valued at \$213,400,000 last year?

It has come to my attention that Dallas Borough patrolman Jack Fowler has still not received an adjustment to his salary. During its last meeting, Council still held back on a vote to reinstate his annual salary.

Remember, Fowler left the department for a scant two months. Fowler, it was noted, left the police force to take a higher paying position. Finding the job unsatisfactory, he returned to Dallas to fill the vacancy his leaving created.

Should we punish a man for trying to make a better life for himself? Don't we all teach our children that a person should not be made to suffer unduly for his mistakes? On the other hand, it is not charity that is being requested here. Rather, it is fair remuneration for a job being done.

Who can honestly say Fowler, an experienced policeman, is not worth the money he was paid prior to his resignation? He has been called a capable, hardworking, intelligent policeman by his employers, his peers and many residents of the community. Why continue with the punishment? I think it is time the people of the community make their opinions known to members of council. How long is sufficient to punish a man for trying to improve himself economically?

Education represents approximately 47.4 percent of Gov. Thornburgh's recently proposed general fund budget. The budget, as presented to a joint session of the General Assembly, approaches \$14 billion including \$290 million in new spending.

A reminder to boaters: Your boats must be registered by April 1. That includes all motorboats, electric motors and sailboats with auxiliary engines. Craft without mechanical power need not be registered.

Boats may be registered at most county treasurers, many marine dealers and sporting goods stores and the Pennsylvania Fish Commission's Boating Registration Division office in Harrisburg. For a summer of fun and enjoyment, don't forget to properly register your craft.

Association. Those participating were Orchard Farm Restaurant, Forty Fort Dairy Store and the Town House.

Chase farmer Joseph Emerick was fatally burned in a trash fire on his farm. Although rushed to Mercy Hospital by Kingston Twp. Ambulance team, he was unable to be saved.

Engaged--Joan Susan Gaydos to Frank Roginski; Barbara Jean Tag to Kenneth E. Weaver, Jr.; Elizabeth Louise Elenchik to Joseph Kowaleski.

Anniversaries--Mr. and Mrs. Walter Wandell, 25 years; Mr. and Mrs. William Vivian, 49 years.

Deaths--Egidius Derk, Chase; Frank Michavich, Pikes Creek.

You could get--Pork loin 23c lb.; rock cornish hens 39c lb.; kielbasi 69c lb.; asparagus 2 lb. 39c; oranges 59c doz.; shrimp 79c lb.; shad 13c lb.

10 Years Ago - March 29, 1973
Approximately 100 residents of

Jackson Twp. gathered to voice complaints to Jack and Bernard Banks, owners and operators of American Asphalt Paving Company. Blasting, the noise level of the new rock crusher were major complaints.

Fathers of students at Gate of Heaven Church and also church members volunteered their time to paint the school.

Married--Brenda Cathy Hadsall and Dale Alan Nygren.

Deaths--William C. Hodgen, Trucksville; Leo J. Rutkowski, Sr., Dallas; Robert D. Youngblood, Quakertown; May Brennan, Harveys Lake; William E. Schneiderite, Sr., Shavertown; Grediah Sutliff, Lehman; Hiram Harris, Carverton; Boyd Long, Beaumont.

You could get--Pork loin 68c lb.; pascal celery 25c bnch.; 3 pkg. tomatoes \$1; oranges 59c doz.; 4-roll Charmin toilet tissue, 18c.

Bird Display a Treasure

daffodils at the front desk, which were purchased to aid the cancer society. Also, many of us are wore a "Buck-A-Cup" button last Thursday and enjoyed free coffee, which also helps the crippled children.

New books at the library: "The Delta Star" by Joseph Wambaugh is a fascinating police novel that mixes the think-tank world of Nobel Prize chemistry with the underworld of cops and killers. A cops-gone-crazy brand of humor and a cast of wild, wonderful characters. "In A Far Country" by Adam Kennedy is a passionate novel set against the tumult of the late six-

ties, seething with the sense of those days when young lovers found themselves torn between values of their parents and whispers of their hearts. A story about love and its place.

Reading is like building a savings account. You keep adding to it and everything read is another deposit. Reading pays dividends, too-rich dividends in increased knowledge, relaxation, and enjoyment. Establish your reading account soon at the Back Mountain Memorial Library. Stop in and find the books that will increase your knowledge!