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HAPPENINGS — of — LONG AGO

30 YEARS AGO
March 28, 1923

The Lancaster Intelligencer is taking applications for movie actors to be selected for screen work. Among the applicants from Mt. Joy are Wimer Eberle, Russell Forrey and Earl Gottschall.

A new weekly feature was announced for the Bulletin. The article will carry "that spicy, peppy" stuff, local at that, touching on various subjects. We will get personal and sincerely hope no one will feel offended as these paragraphs will be written for real amusement and not a slap at any one whose name may happen to be mentioned. They will appear under

the caption of "Owl-Laffs". Gov. Pinchot signed the administration prohibition enforcement bill passed by the House. The vote on the bill was 107 to 100.

At the Nissley sale west of Florin Monday afternoon ham sold for 48 cents a pound.

15 YEARS AGO
March 31, 1938

At the opening of the new Mt. Joy Theatre Joseph Habecker, Jr., bought the first ticket. It was a gala opening. Everybody was there.

Mrs. Martha Sauder moved into her newly built home on New Haven street.

Samuel Ludwig moved into the property vacated by Mrs. Sauders.

Irvin Gaul moved to the H. G. Carpenter farm vacated by Samuel Ludwig.

Miss Alice "Sissy" Brubaker, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. D. B. Brubaker, was operated on for an appendectomy.

The Girl Scouts of Mt. Joy with their captain, Miss Elizabeth Heilig, hiked to Donegal Springs. The trek was 8 miles long covering two different routes.

The Mount Joy Rotary made a tour of the Coatesville Veterans Hospital.

10 YEARS AGO
March 25, 1943

George Shatto will move his family to the Joseph B. Hershey property soon after Hershey's property sale April 10.

Miss Nancy Schule, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Adolph Schule, Florin, sang the soprano solo in the "Saint Mary Magdalene" cantata held at the State Teachers College, West Chester.

A plane, momentarily out of control, startled local residents when it crossed town flying so low it barely missed housetops and swayed the topmost branches of trees. The plane banked just a few feet from the spire of the Church of God. The pilot succeeded in righting the plane and disappeared.

THE BIBLE SPEAKS

International Uniform Sunday School Lesson

BY DR. KENNETH J. FOREMAN

Scripture: Matthew 28.
Devotional Reading: John 11:17-27.

Our Living Lord

Lesson for April 5, 1953

WHAT does Easter mean? It is a question we may well ask ourselves each year. The visitor from Mars might have a hard time answering the question for himself. He would see Easter sales advertised in the department stores and he might think Easter was a name for a special kind of bargain. Or he would hear about an Easter parade, or he would look at one, and he would conclude that Easter is a time mainly for showing off new clothes. Or on a college campus he would hear about the Easter vacation, and he might suppose that it is just a name for a holiday from work. Then he might come on a flock of children hunting for Easter eggs, and he would suppose that Easter meant "gaily colored."

As a matter of fact, even if he went to church, he might get strange ideas about what Easter means.

Springtime And Roses

To hear some people talk—yes, and even some sermons—one might fancy that Easter is a festival to remind us all of springtime. To be sure, nature reminds us in many ways. The days grow longer, the nights shorter; flowers begin to scatter over the hillsides, the grass grows greener every week.

In the far northern states there are heavy thaws, more snow melts than falls. In the far southern states warm weather has already come, the roses are in full bloom, visitors from the north are coming down to look at the famous gardens in Charleston and Mobile and other places.

Is Easter just a way of celebrating springtime in church? The birds, the roses, the Easter music—are they all alike the signs of spring? Is Easter a symbol of the resurrection of dead nature, is Easter a sign that nature never really dies, that warmth follows cold, that when winter comes, spring is not far behind?

No, this is not it. For if this were all, then when the last winter comes, when the whole earth grows cold—or perishes in collision with some flaming sun—then what becomes of spring? No, all springs will end some time, when the world ends. Easter celebrates something that will outlast all the springs of this world.

Life After Death

Listen again to the talk in church, to other sermons, closer, much closer to the Easter truth than all the talk of springtime and roses. You will hear much said about immortality, about the life beyond this life, about the "beautiful isle of somewhere." Easter, it is said, is to remind us that we are immortal souls: that beyond this life is another one, that no soul ever dies.

Well, it does remind us of this. But suppose that were all? The mere belief in immortality is not by itself religious. Look: nearly everybody around you believes he will be living tomorrow. Does that make everybody religious? You know it doesn't.

Now suppose everybody believed he would be living, somewhere, somehow, a thousand years from now; would that make everybody religious? Of course not. Suppose it is true that no soul ever dies? That may well be a horrible thought. There may be (and most Christian churches believe sadly that there are) persons long since gone from this world to hell, who cannot die but who wish very much that they could.

Immortality, Christians believe, is a fact, but believing in that fact alone, all by itself, is not necessarily religious and it may be no comfort at all. Easter must mean more than this!

Lord Of Life And Death

The real meaning of Easter cannot be expressed by any sentence that leaves Jesus Christ out. Easter celebrates this: He is risen, Christ is risen indeed. This means, of course, much more than that once upon a time there was a man in Palestine who came back to life after being dead some 36 hours.

What we Christians mean by it is that the same person we call Teacher and Master and Saviour and King is the Lord of life, of life itself.

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Lowdown From Hickory Grove

You know folks there are grounds for being dubious about how much wind or how much meat there was or is in the gusty talks we been exposed to by the lawmakers of this native land. If we figure economy is in, and recklessness in spending our tax dinero is out the window—and we settle down to paying for our past 23 year spree—we are not as alert and bright or suspicious as folks should be, who have been so recent-like 3-shelled so fluently. If we take an eye off congress and don't turn a hand to help a padlock on the U. S.

Treasury door, we are headed for the cleaners again. The boys down there, — the loose spending crew — is holding its breath and feeling its way to see if it detects rumblings of discontent from out in the hustings, or if all is quiet.

Today, before they deduct that we are sound asleep again, it is time to dip the pen in the old ink bottle and say, "look-it bub, why did you vote last week to have Sambo shell out more deficiency millions to tide over the same old Govt. goings-on till June." Ask 'em that.

If we don't make congress take up the slack—right at the start—it will be the same old army game all over again—we will go home in our usual regalia—a barrel.

Yours with the low down,
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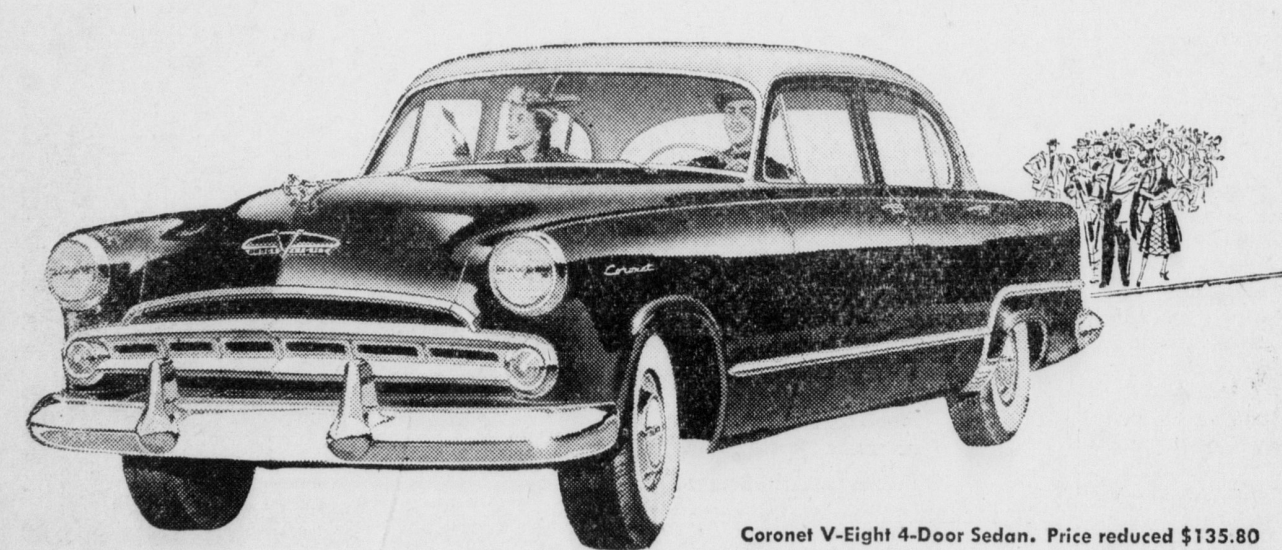
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