

— Youth Forum —

What do eggs and rabbits have to do with Easter?

Easter began as the most joyous of Christian holidays, to celebrate the rebirth of Christ. Easter comes at the same time as spring, when new life begins with growth and rebirth in nature. Many ancient people honored the coming of spring. Ancient Egyptians and Persians celebrated the coming of spring by decorating and eating eggs. Eggs were a symbol of fertility and new life.

A symbol

The Christians adopted the egg as their symbol of new life as well. In the early days of the church, eggs were forbidden food during Lent — the period before Easter.

But when Lent ended, people were glad to eat eggs again and made it a tradi-

tion to eat them on Easter Sunday. They also gave eggs to their children.

The hare or rabbit was also part of the celebration of spring long before Christianity.

The moon

In ancient Egypt, the hare was thought to have some connection with the moon, since this small animal comes out to eat only at night.

Since the moon also symbolized the beginning of a new life, so did the hare and the rabbit.

The wearing of new clothes on Easter Sunday is also the symbol of a new beginning. It is the casting off of old clothes and the wearing of new ones.

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“What does your family do for Easter?”



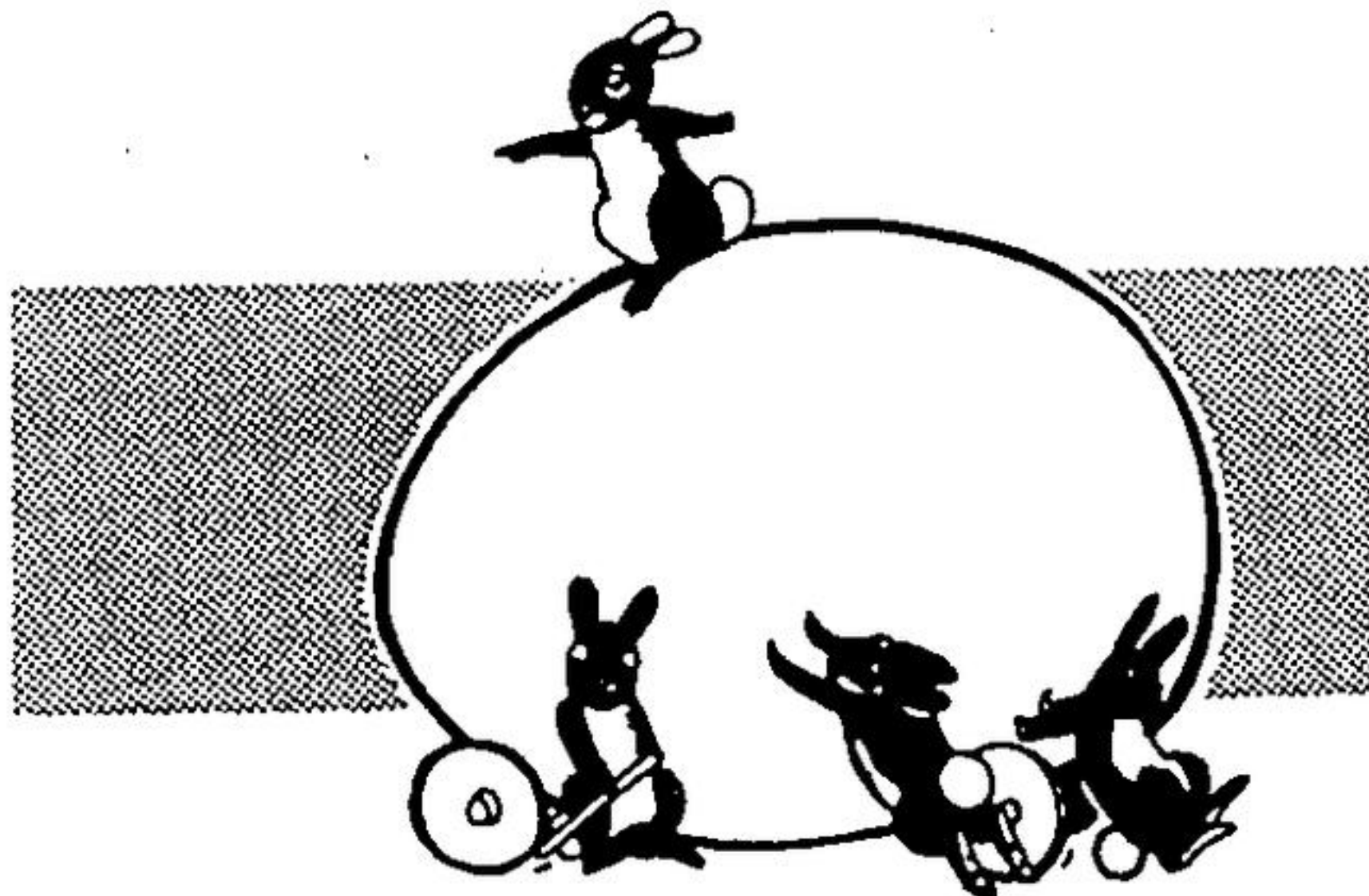
Sara Schmidt, Grade 6, Stewarttown Middle School: First we get a visit from the Easter Bunny and then we go to church. After church, we visit Grandma for supper and have an egg hunt at her house.



Devon Metcalf, Grade 6, Stewarttown Middle School: Well, in the morning we get our supposed visit from the Easter Bunny and then we go for an egg hunt. We visit Grandma in the afternoon and sometimes we go out for dinner.



Vicki Hardstaff, Grade 6, Stewarttown Middle School: We hunt for eggs in the morning, eat breakfast and later have a family dinner.



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ZILLY WAS GLAD THAT SHE TOOK OFF ALL THE FANCY MAKE UP. NOW SHE WANTED ALL HER FRIENDS TO KNOW SHE WASN'T GOING TO BE SNOOTY ANYMORE.

WANNA' PLAY WITH US?

"WE LIKE TO SEE YOU LOOKING LIKE YOU OLD SELF, ZILLY!" THEY ALL TOLD HER.

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