

ALL IN THE FAMILY



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When I was growing up, holidays at our House, like most other houses, meant special foods. And nothing was more special than the Easter bread my father's mother made.

Lent would seem to be interminable. Wednesday and Friday nights we would go for the

rosary and Stations of the Cross at St. Augustine's. The dimly lit interior of the small church in those dreary winter nights is burned forever in my brain: A bank of flickering votive lights, statues covered in purple shrouds, the smell of the incense and the monotone of the priest's voice that rendered the sorrowful recitation no less painful to my young ears.

Then when we were convinced that Easter would never come we would walk in from school one day and there on the kitchen counter would be our loaves of Easter bread.

My Grandmother Maria who lived a block from us broke eggs with the abandon of a chicken farmer gone berserk. Nobody knew how many eggs there were in each loaf. I don't know as we cared. What we cared about was the egg product.

Grandma distributed her largesse according to her own system. An in the matter of Easter bread if you had three children in the family as we did, you received three loaves of bread.

No ordinary loaves were these. For us she had created works of art in a design that would please us most. Our loaves looked like babies wrapped in pastel bunnings.

She would twist three strands of dough into a fat braid. At the top she would insert an egg for the face, painting in eyes and a tiny mouth. When the bread glazed with egg yolk had been taken shiny and fragrant beyond belief from the oven she would mix various tinted bowls of confectioner's sugar icing and dribble streams over the loaves so that now the "babies" would look like they were dressed in colored ribbons.

We could never wait the couple of days to Easter. As breakfast fare the slice of lemon and anise flavored, sweet egg bread was better than any pastry.

On our visit Easter day there would be more loaves at Grandma's house. No need to save ours. There would be no "babies" at her house. The bright icing this time would decorate braided circles inset with eggs or just huge loaves that would feed all the aunts, uncles and cousins that came.

Years later when I had children of my own and wanted to make Easter bread I discovered that Grandma had not left us her recipe. Instead I had to make do with the recipe of one of her neighbors. My children are as delighted with the result as I was some 30 years ago. This past week

I hunted up the recipe, checked the sugar supply and marked another couple of days off the calendar. Easter seemed closer almost immediately.

Easter Egg Hunt Slated

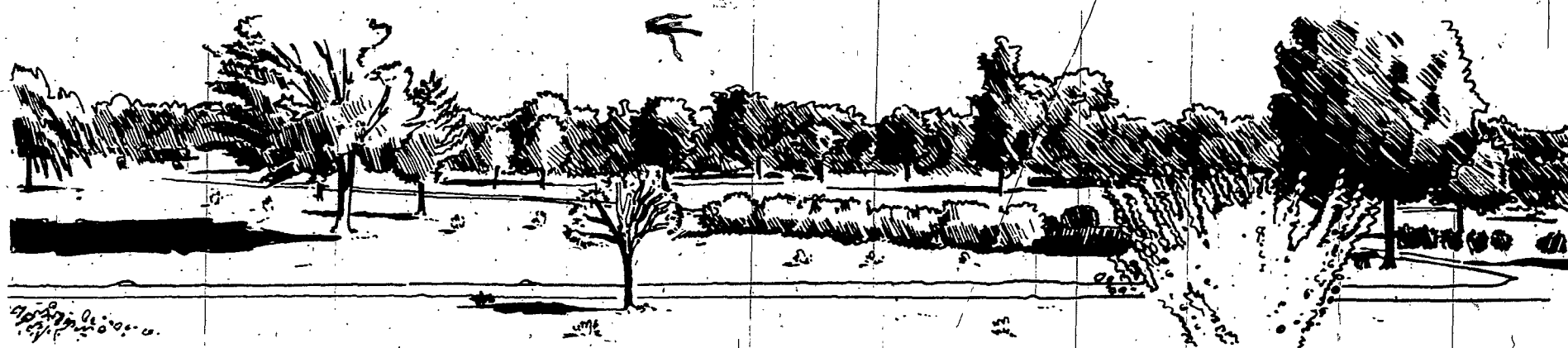
Our Lady of the Genacle Council of the Knights of Columbus will hold its annual Easter Egg Hunt, Saturday, March 29 at the Armstrong Road Playground.

Sons, daughters and grandchildren, twelve years old and younger, of Council members are invited. Reservations for the hunt must be in by March 25.

In other council news, the group's annual Reunion Get Together will be held this evening, March 19 at Holy Name Hall.

White Haven Memorial Park

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When should you choose your family burial place?

SOME HAVE ASKED THEMSELVES THIS QUESTION. SOME HAVE NEVER THOUGHT ABOUT IT. ALL WILL HAVE TO ANSWER IT SOMETIME. JUST AS DEATH IS INEVITABLE SO IS THE NEED FOR BURIAL FACILITIES. IF YOU SHOULD FIND IT DIFFICULT TO CONSIDER THIS MATTER NOW, THINK HOW DIFFICULT IT WILL BE ON A DAY WHEN THE DECISION CAN NO LONGER BE POSTPONED.

- 1. CHOOSING A FAMILY BURIAL PLACE IS INEVITABLE.** It can be done when there is a death—a time of sorrow and confusion—or it can be done NOW, thoughtfully and at your own convenience.
- 2. SOMEONE MUST DO IT.** Unless it is a planned decision now, your family may have to depend on the judgment of a friend, or even a stranger, to select in haste and hope he will not disappoint those who will be the most frequent visitors.
- 3. DEATH IS A TIME OF STRESS.** Many things must be done quickly with little time to think them through. Selecting your burial place is one of the few that can be done in advance to relieve future strain.
- 4. DEATH IS A TIME OF EXPENSE**—a strain on finances often needed for family re-adjustment. Selecting now can relieve a financial problem later when such problems are a real burden.
- 5. WHAT DO YOU WISH TO PAY?** You can decide that easily now—not so easily later. Whoever makes the decision at time of death is likely to be guided by emotion rather than prudence.
- 6. HOW DO YOU WISH TO PAY?** You can purchase it as you please—in one payment or over a period of time, without interest or finance charges.
- 7. WHAT YOU DON'T CHOOSE NOW WILL NEVER COST YOU LESS.** If history is any teacher, the same selection later will be more expensive and the same expense later may require considerably further to travel to newly developed outlying locations.
- 8. YOUR FAMILY BURIAL PLACE WILL BE VISITED OFTEN.** It can be a place of peace and prayer suited to your family's tastes. If you want it to be that, it may be hard to achieve at the time of death, when the weather and the season can make judgement difficult.
- 9. DO YOU CARE WHERE YOU ARE BURIED?** If you don't, someone very likely does, and that someone must decide in haste without your help. Experience shows that it is usually the woman rather than the man who must do it.
- 10. WILL YOU WANT . . . REGULAR OR MAUSOLEUM BURIAL.** Since the cost is about the same this is a decision that can be made now and avoid the confusion surrounding a death.

To help you plan your family burial needs and to assist you when death occurs we have a booklet "Let's Face it Now" which can be used as a guide to the many things to be done at the time of death. It explains how to speed up life insurance settlements. How to avoid losing Social Security, Veterans and other benefits. Why it's so important that all the detailed information your family will need is available to them when they need it.

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