

Legend says Easter bunny originally bird

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KANSAS CITY, Mo. — The egg and bunny illustrations on today's Easter cards have ancient origins, says creative director George L. Parker of Hallmark Cards.
Legend says the rabbit originally was a large and handsome bird, a pet of Eostre, Teutonic goddess of

spring. One day Eostre changed the bird into a rabbit. That, supposedly, is why the Easter bunny builds nests and fills them with colored eggs.
The egg was seen by Egyptians, Greeks and Romans as a symbol of the universe and a token of spring and rebirth.

Prof relates talks with Schweitzer about his hospital

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Battalion Reporter

A Texas A&M University philosophy professor was in Africa in January and observed a landmark occurrence in the medical work started by Dr. Albert Schweitzer.

Schweitzer was awarded a Nobel Peace Prize in 1952 for his medical practice in Lambarene, a city in the country of Gabon.

Dr. Manuel Davenport was in Gabon on Jan. 14 and attended the dedication of a new, modern hospital near the one built by Schweitzer. Schweitzer worked in the hospital from 1913 until his death in 1965.

Davenport first visited in Schweitzer's hospital in 1961, while doing research on the physician's philosophy. He spent some time talking with Schweitzer himself.

The old hospital was designed "very much like an African village," Davenport said. Since the Africans "didn't trust people from other tribes," Schweitzer planned his hospital so the families of the patients could have a place inside to cook for the sick.

Even after a government hospital was built nearby, Schweitzer's hospital was preferred by many, partly

because families of patients had to camp outside.

Schweitzer's hospital was also preferred because it was the first hospital, and the quality of care was good and the reputation was good, Davenport said.

Schweitzer went to Gabon because the Paris Mission Society had asked for help in that area. He had a reputation as a theologian, but was sponsored by the society on the condition that he wouldn't preach his philosophy in Africa. Schweitzer believed that "Jesus wasn't the Messiah and never claimed to be," Davenport said.

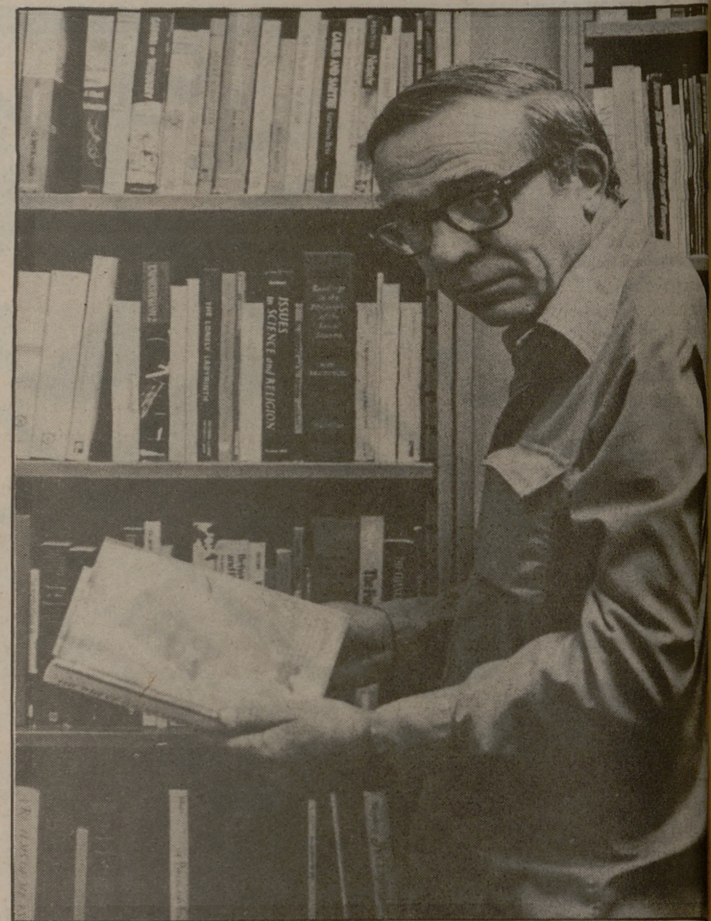
Schweitzer decided when he was 21 to do what he wanted until he was 30, and then he would do something to help others.

When Schweitzer was 30, he chose to become a medical doctor, Davenport said.

Davenport said Schweitzer spoke both French and German. Since Gabon was once a French colony, Schweitzer was able to speak to the patients in a common language.

Schweitzer was at first sponsored by the Paris Mission Society, but later became self-sufficient. He built his hospital while treating patients in a whitewashed chicken coop, Davenport said.

Schweitzer used money he made from giving organ concerts and writing books to build the first hospital, which could handle about 1,200 patients. Davenport said the families who couldn't afford medical care paid their debts by working at the hospital. The hospital also accepted contributions from around the world.



Manuel Davenport, a professor of philosophy at Texas A&M University, once talked with Dr. Albert Schweitzer and recently returned from the dedication of a new hospital near the one he built in Africa.
Battalion photo by Jeanne Gable

Schweitzer, however, was criticized by some because of his method of running the hospital, Davenport said.

For example, Schweitzer had many pets that roamed the hospital at will. Schweitzer's philosophy was based on reverence for life, Davenport said. He thought all living things should be given equal consideration.

Schweitzer was the chief administrator of his hospital while he was living. Davenport said he wouldn't allow any changes to be made. When he died, however, the hospital nearly closed because international funds dried up.

The younger administration in Gabon nearly closed the hospital because they felt it wasn't modern enough, Davenport said.

However, Schweitzer's successor, Max Caulet, got the U.S. government to give \$1 million for a hospital. He also convinced the government of Gabon to give \$500,000 and to guarantee the expenses of the new hospital for years. Plans began in 1971 to build it.

The recently dedicated hospital is more modern than the old one, Davenport said, but it still holds the concept of giving the patients a place to stay, Davenport said.

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