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MEASURE OF DEVOTION

Charles V. Stanton

This weekend we observe a holiday originally established to honor those who lost their lives in the nation's military actions. As time went on, Memorial Day became a time of remembrance for all our dead, civilian and veteran alike.

In late years our tribute to our own loved ones and to the country's heroes has become more and less prefatory. We observe the holiday chiefly for our own entertainment and recreation. We flock to the beaches, lakes, mountains and streams. We use the day for races, ball games and contests of various kinds. We crowd our highways, then read of the terrible toll of death, injury and destruction resulting from carelessness and recklessness. Memorial Day bears little resemblance to the holiday as it was first born.

Yet we are not as ungrateful as appearances might cause one to think. As a people, we are appreciative of the sacrifice made by the men and women who have so heroically served their country in years gone by. We view with deep concern the black clouds which hang above us, fearful that another war is inevitable and that more of our finest young men and women will be sacrificed to the cause of liberty the United States has championed throughout its history.

The Words Of Lincoln

The words of Abraham Lincoln, as spoken at Gettysburg, have long been the theme of our Memorial Day celebration:

"It is rather for us to be here dedicated to the great task remaining before us; that from these honored dead we take increased devotion to that cause for which they gave the last full measure of devotion."

Those inspired words should be carefully pondered today as we face crisis after crisis.

The task is far from finished. It will not be finished until all men have been released from oppression and bondage.

Lincoln added: "That this nation, under God, shall have a new birth of freedom, and that government of the people, by the people, for the people, shall not perish from the earth."

Today we are combatting ideologies that would make all people the slaves of dictators. Millions of people throughout the world are ruled by ruthless minorities, maintaining their authority only by the force of arms, by fear, by secret police, and by brain washing. Those same minorities, skillfully organized, dedicated to world revolution, are rapidly expanding their hold over millions of helpless people.

Our Responsibility

Throughout the years of our history, which are few when compared with the histories of many other nations, we have offered a unique form of government. Ours is a government based on the dignity of man; a recognition of individual freedom and self-determination, limited only by the requirements of society. It is a concept that has brought us farther, and in fewer years, in matters of wealth, standards of living and national welfare, than has ever been experienced by any nation.

Our dedication to this unique idea of individual liberty has caused us to fight time and again to defend our convictions. Today we are recognized as the world's most powerful nation. Weaker nations, faced by oppression, look to us as their only hope. But our position is challenged by those ideologies that would enslave all people.

If those enemy ideologies are permitted to prevail, the sacrifice of all those who died in the defense of freedom will have been in vain. Thus we may well think today, at least briefly as we observe this holiday period, of Lincoln's charge that "from these honored dead we take increased devotion to that cause for which they gave the last full measure of devotion."

Hal Boyle

By HAL BOYLE

NEW YORK (AP)—"I am a gambler," once wrote Robert Capa, whose gambling is now over.

Bob, whom many regard as the best combat photographer of his generation, explained the dough-boy pictorially as ably as his friend, Ernie Pyle, did in words. This week Capa met Ernie's fate. He stretched a gambler's luck too far, went to one too many wars. A land mine caught him in some obscure town in Indonesia, and turned a fine man into a great memory.

War, as Bob himself has said, is "dirty and unspectacular." There is little to catch the camera's eye, but Capa had the high art of being at the right spot at the right moment to catch the unforgettable picture.

Bob was an exponent of "the big chance." He had seen so much of war that the routine of it bored him. But on the big stories—the paratroop drops in Sicily and Germany, the invasion landings at Anzio and Normandy—the relief of besieged Bastogne—Capa liked to go in the first wave, although he was as afraid of death as most men are.

In his autobiography, "Slightly Out of Focus," he tells of brooding over what chances to take in the Normandy landing—whether to go ashore with the first troops or wait until the beaches were safer. This is a decision every correspondent makes for himself, and Capa, mulling over the difference between the war correspondent and any other man in uniform, wrote:

"I would say that the war correspondent gets more drinks, more girls, better pay, and greater freedom than the soldier, but that at this stage of the game, having the freedom to choose his spot and being allowed to be a coward and not be executed for it is his torture. The war correspondent has his stake—his life—in his own hands, and he can put it on this horse or that horse, or he can

put it back in his pocket at the very last minute.

"I am a gambler. I decided to go in with Company E in the first wave."

He did go in—on deadly Omaha Beach. He survived, came back with 106 action pictures taken on that death-strewn stretch of tide and sand. But a darkroom assistant burned up all but eight negatives while drying them. If life hadn't already turned Capa into a gambler, this experience would have soured him. It didn't.

Bob was the most romantic-looking guy in the press corps. A lock of black hair hung over his forehead, a cigarette dangled eternally from his lips. He loved champagne and girls with champagne eyes. His weakness was poker, and with a losing hand he would swear ungodly oaths in five languages—English, French, Spanish, German, and his native Hungarian.

"Capa can make himself understood in more languages, including his own, than any other man living," a press officer once said.

Bob would accept no discipline except the courage that vent him after the big pictures of the big stories. He was fired as often as a boiler dived in amiable novelty until the next job. But they always called him back when they needed a man they could count on for the best. He was shooting for Life magazine against his death moment before a rifle bullet caught him between the eyes—better, pay, and greater freedom than the soldier, but that at this stage of the game, having the freedom to choose his spot and being allowed to be a coward and not be executed for it is his torture. The war correspondent has his stake—his life—in his own hands, and he can put it on this horse or that horse, or he can

I believe he wrote his own epitaph better when he told of taking pictures during the bitter struggle for Troina in Sicily.

How Long, Oh Lord, How Long?



Peter Edson

Editorial Comment

MARS PATROL BEGINS WATCH ON PLANET

Grants Pass Courier

Astronomers around the world this month begin the most complete and coordinated attack ever made on secrets of the planet Mars.

Eighteen observatories in ten countries, as well as hundreds of amateur planet watchers, are taking part in a photographic patrol that will go on around the clock, from different points on the globe, from now until mid-September.

Swinging on their regular orbits, Mars and Earth are racing toward a passing point, or "opposition," as astronomers call it. On July 2, they will be only about 39,750,000 miles apart, closest since 1941.

At Bloemfontein, South Africa, where Mars crosses the night sky, nearly overhead in this season, the National Geographic Society-Lowell Observatory "Mars Expedition" is already at work. Using a 27-inch telescope, most powerful south of the equator for such work, scientists are scanning the red disk of Mars and making detailed photographs of its features.

What they see, and what amateur astronomers everywhere can see with even a small telescope, was described by Dr. E. C. Slipher, Mars Expedition leader, in bluish-green regions called "maria," caused perhaps by living vegetation; lighter, reddish desert areas; and the bright white spots of polar ice and cloud formations.

Martian geography, or areography, as seen from the earth changes each night, for like the earth, Mars rotates. Its day—one revolution—is only slightly longer than the earth's, 24 hours and 37 minutes.

During the summer, the south Martian polar cap will shrink in size with the advancing season while the greenish areas will spread.

From time to time, dust clouds can be seen. Martian sandstorms sweeping the deserts. White clouds appear and move across the planet's face. They are best seen on the "limb" or rim of the planet in regions of Martian dawn or twilight.

On a clear enough night on earth, perhaps even the mysterious lines or "canals" of Mars can be seen. Discovered over 75 years ago, the canals are still the subject of controversy. They have never yet been photographed. One plan this year is to try high-speed cameras of short exposures to capture moments of best "seeing" and perhaps thus a picture of the thin markings.

An International Mars Committee, organized last fall, coordinates the observations being made by cooperating institutions and scientists. Not only astronomers, but also physicists, meteorologists, biologists, and chemists are taking part in the program. Together they may find proof or disproof of actual vegetable life on Mars, as well as new knowledge of the physical makeup of the planet and its atmosphere.

This extensive study under the Mars Committee's guidance will continue through 1956, when the next near approach of Mars will bring it even closer than in 1953. Then there will not be another opportunity for such close study until 1971.

Bill Graham, Mae Basse, Ben Whaley, Ray Butler and Lester Huff.

Several novelty acts, including musical numbers by young people of the community and a square dance number by four local couples were worked into the program as "television try-outs."

Melodrama Presented
Members of the Glendale High School speech class gave a melodrama at the high school on Thursday afternoon. The play, "Wedded but No Wife" had the following cast: Don Clark, Lee Mull, Lou Johnson, Diane Halstead, Jean Brantley and Sharon Miller.

Social Calendar

Tuesday—June 1

Sutherland PNC Club at home of Mrs. Emma Vandenberg in evening.
Geneva Guild of First Presbyterian Church of Roseburg at the home of Mrs. Don Evans, 12 Calkins Road in evening.

Daughters of St. Anne of St. George's Episcopal Church in evening at home of Mrs. Russell Hawk at Winston with Mrs. Del McKay and Mrs. Charles Church co-hostesses.

Roseburg Unit, American Contract Bridge League, duplicate bridge play at 7:30 p.m. at Elks Temple.
Associated Volunteer sponsored card party in recreation hall at VA Hospital from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. Ann Storrs, chairman.

Eagles Auxiliary No. 1497 at 8 p.m.
Melrose Grange meeting at 8 p.m.

Wednesday—June 2

Elgarose Comfort Club at home of Mrs. Jewell McBroom in afternoon.
Roseburg Art and Embroidery Club at home of Mrs. Clarence Miller at Winchester, potluck luncheon at noon.

Oregon Chapter, OES, Friendship Night at Canyonville. Eva and Ira Poole presiding.
Woman's Home League craft classes at Salvation Army building, 1005 Winchester St. from 1 to 4 p.m. All women invited.

Chapter B1, PEO Sisterhood at 1:45 p.m. at home of Mrs. Thomas T. Clark, 604 Brown Ave. Tea served following meeting.

New Idea Club at home of Mrs. Edith Miller on Melrose Road at 1 p.m. on Wednesday.

Melrose Friendly Hour Club all-day at home of Mrs. Katie Conn. White elephant sale to be held. Members asked to bring pieces of materials for a quilt.

Mu Chapter, Beta Sigma Phi, 7 p.m. potluck picnic supper at summer cabin of Dr. and Mrs. Clair K. Allen on North Umpqua River. Special business session to hear report of convention.

Thursday—June 3

DAV Auxiliary at 8 p.m. at Vets Memorial Bldg. Regular business meeting.

Posse and Auxiliary social evening with Mrs. Leroy Collins and Mrs. John Spencer as hostesses.
United Workers Class of the First Christian Church at home of Mr. P. W. Beckley, 118 S. Chadwick St. at 2 p.m.

Potluck meeting of Dillard WSCS at home of Mrs. A. A. Goodwin in Winston.

Mary Butler Circle of First Baptist Church at home of Mrs. Theo Fee, 510 Patterson St. at 1 p.m.

Garden Club of Cloakes Ferry area at home of Mrs. Robert Dishman at 8 p.m., dues to be turned in. Anyone in the area wishing to join may call Mrs. Dishman.

West Melrose Club at home of Mrs. Dennis Johnston.

Women of the Country Club 12:30 luncheon. Progressive or four-some bridge at 1 p.m.

Chapter CU, PEO Sisterhood, 12:45 p.m. luncheon at home of Mrs. R. B. Curtis, 1330 W. Second with Mrs. E. N. Kaser assisting hostess.

Roseburg Chapter, No. 8, OES at Masonic Temple at 8 p.m. with Ramona and Ray Hampton, presiding. Memorial night and initiation. Members and visiting members invited.

Garden Valley Women's Club at clubhouse at 2 p.m. with Kathryn Ewens, hostess.

Friday—June 4

NALC at home of Frank Paul. In evening.
Days Creek Community Methodist Church Ladies Aid spaghetti supper from 5 to 8 p.m. in church social rooms. Public invited. Special prices for children. Program to follow.

Riverside Grange second quarter birthday potluck at 6:30 p.m. Program on safety and members to respond with rules or quotations.

Saturday—June 5

Navy Mothers Baked Food sale at Sears Catalogue Store. Those wishing to make donations are invited to have their food at the store by 9:30 a.m.

Riverside Folk Dancers to meet at 8:30 p.m. at Grange Hall.

Dillard Church Sets Memorial Day Services

By ROSA HEINBACH

Memorial services will be observed at the Dillard Methodist Church next Sunday, The Rev. R. A. Feenstra, pastor, at 11 o'clock will be "The Book of Remembrance." Special music by the church choir will be a part of the program.

Rally Stated

There will be a youth fellowship rally at 6:30 p.m. The fellowship meeting at 7:30 will follow with the message "Preparing for the Miracle." The Dillard Methodist group received an invitation to attend a picnic with other Methodist churches at the new Eugene District Camp on Monday. The directions are to "take the Crater Lake road to Tiller, turn left at Eagle Point, going south, turn left on Lake Creek, and follow the signs to 'Dead Indians Soda Springs' resort. Bring a picnic basket and tools if you are to help make it a 'work camp'."

The Dillard church Bible school is scheduled for June 21 to July 2. Recruiting is being made for teachers, helping teachers, transporters, advertising and enlisting children.

Mr. and Mrs. Wesley Finnell and daughter, Denise, spent the weekend at Redwood visiting Mr. and Mrs. Glen McForley. While there the hostess' daughter, Miss Donna McForley, who is attending a beautiful school in Coos Bay, came home for a visit. Also joining the party was Don Oliviant from Lookingglass. The Finnell family and the McForleys were friends in Sweet Home.

Mrs. Harold Rix and two children, Ginger and Dea, of Medford, spent last Wednesday and Thursday visiting friends in Dillard. They were house guests of Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Wade.

Monday Mrs. Alvin Wade and Mrs. William C. Heinbach visited Mrs. William McCall, who has been recovering from a recent operation at the Forest Glen Hospital in Canyonville.

Mr. and Mrs. Loyde Wagler and son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Wesley Finnell, and daughter, Denise, went fishing on the Coquille River near Bandun, Sunday.

The Kent Creek Mountaineers 4-H livestock club met Monday evening at 7:30 at the home of their leader, Mrs. Dick Nyberg, on Upper Kent Creek. The group voted to join the club "The Kent Creek Mountaineers" and it was decided that each member take his turn at furnishing refreshments.

Peery Medicals

BY W.K. PEERY

In a friendly gathering of grandparents of my generation the other night, the conversation turned to the subject of the diamond. The women folks were discussing some new means of applying newly laundried diamonds to Junior's nether areas. It seems there are some new advances over the square fold that rose to popularity in the twenties. Anyways it was a subject in which everybody seemed to take a lively interest. There were strong opinions and sound arguments as to the merits of the various means of applying the diamond.

For myself, I belong to the diamond fold school. In this method it seems to me you could apply the necessary precautions to the little angel with the least effort. Furthermore it offered a wide choice in application. You could use one safety pin or three, as desired. It required a little courage to use the one pin method, especially if Junior's habits were in the least degree unpredictable. But it gave free action to body movement, plus a slight touch of romance to use the one pin loose as the fold inside the knee lounge with the open gusset effect of a troubadour's pants in reverse.

But it seems the writer is a little dated in his opinions as was so plainly expressed by several women in the party. Not that they were catty. Just positive. As one looks back on scenes of outraged infancy in the process of change, one wonders. It was a process they seemed to resent and sometimes it took all an adult's strength and self control to render these sanitary services to young Henry who kicked up until you had to spread eagle his arms and put your knee on his chest. Compare this to the young mother of today who blithely tosses Junior on the davenport, gives a tug and a thrust and it is all over before the young heir apparent has had time to marshal his energies for resistance. Science has done much to lighten the task of



EXPLOSION COSTLY

QUONSET POINT, R.I. (AP)—This week's explosions and fire aboard the aircraft carrier Bennington took more than six times the number of American lives lost in the Revolutionary War battle for which the ship was named.

American losses in the battle of Bennington, Vt., in 1777 were only 14. The known dead aboard the carrier total 93.

ments. Club songs and yells were practiced by all. Refreshments were served by the hostess, Mrs. Nyberg, at the close of the meeting.

The next meeting of the Kent Creek Mountaineers will be held Monday evening at 7:30.

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