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MEMORIAL DAY SACRIFICE

By George Castillo

Memorial Day has lost its meaning. It once was considered a sobering time of meditation, with some ceremony to honor the men of the armed forces who had died.

Now, the country takes a little time out to pay its respects and then goes on a rip-roaring weekend to rack up its own roster of dead.

It will undoubtedly happen again this year. It's another long weekend, which means the longer trips, more drinking, more fatigue and many other elements which add up to danger.

When it's all over Sunday night, the country will have chalked up its own Memorial Day weekend record with casualties comparable to those in a war battle.

The National Safety Council has already estimated 350 people will die in traffic accidents. It bases its estimate on the educated guess that 40 million cars will log about 10 billion miles of travel in the 78-hour period from 6 p.m. Thursday night to midnight Sunday.

Hints Give

The council has six hints for driving, most of which will probably fall on deaf ears, but they are worth repeating if only one accident is averted because of them.

1. Be a defensive driver. Be suspicious of every other driver on the road.

2. Be skeptical of yourself, also. Don't drive like you think the other driver does.

3. Don't pressure yourself for time. Make it a leisurely pleasure trip.

4. Don't take a longer trip than you can handle without becoming extremely tired.

5. Let the other driver have his way, even if you think you are in the right.

6. If you are going to drive, don't drink.

Of course, the most dramatic epitaphs will be written on the highways, but others will die while swimming, in fires and other accidents. Exhaustion and sun will kill still others.

When the weekend is over, the country will be justified in meditating its civilian dead—a sad memorial to Memorial Day.

And the bulk of the deaths and injuries again could have been averted with a little common sense.

Let's recover the original meaning of Memorial Day, a time for honoring the war dead, not a time of grisly sacrifice of human life and limb to carelessness.

REMEMBER SKALUREN

The Forest Log, a monthly publication put out by the Oregon State Board of Forestry, pays tribute to a former Reedsport man who should never be forgotten by the county.

He is John Skaluren, now of Junction City. He was formerly mayor of Reedsport. It was he who initiated the idea in 1946 of drafting school children to help replant the Weatherly Creek burn. This year, 500 children from schools between Elkton and Reedsport planted 20,000 trees in the area which was scarred by fire in 1951.

With the help of the E. K. Wood Lumber Co. and Long-Rel, he instituted the idea in an effort to recover the forests and educate the future generation on the value of continued production. The annual project is now sponsored by International Paper Co. and Cascade Plywood Corp.

Actually, the project had its roots in Norway. Skaluren remembered how school children in his native country had replanted burned out areas.

The idea was so successful that similar projects have burgeoned all over the state.

Skaluren should be a name written high on the list of the county's significant people.

—Hal Boyle—

NEW YORK (AP) — The poor man's philosopher: If a man wants to find out how really dispensable he is, both at home and in the office, all he has to do is to come down with an out-of-season illness.

One of the arts of staying happy in this world is knowing when to fall ill, and when to stay healthy. Illness at the right time, say in the dead of winter, lends a man stature in his community. This is the season to be sick, and people more or less respect you for it. They may even be proud of you—if your illness is interesting and your struggles are dramatic enough.

They reward you with sympathy, attention, flowers, books and get well cards. After all, it is winter time, there isn't much else going on—and, besides, their turn may come next.

Stay Well In Summer
 But a man who shows the bad grace to fall ill at the wrong time, say on the eve of summer, does so at his own peril. He is as lonely as a hippopotamus at the North Pole. He has violated one of the unwritten rules of civilized living.

Here is what happens:
 You might, for example, wake up with a bad sore throat. There is a change in the house. Father, the tall column, is complaining now from a horizontal view point. Strength overnight has become weakness. As the head of the family you try to give your final orders.

Your ultimate benediction is never quite translated because, feeling father is at death's door, mother and child summon the doctor. The doctor, a practical man, pulls you back from death's door very swiftly.

Golf Interrupted
 "Such nice weather . . . Infect-



TAKE A GOOD LOOK at this picture. Then make up your mind that it won't happen to you over the forthcoming three-day Memorial Day weekend, or any other time. Three men died needlessly in this accident, when the car of one of them (foreground), traveling between 50 and 60 m.p.h., plowed into the other auto which was stopped at a red light in St. Paul, Minn. Unfortunately, this will be commonplace during the holiday weekend. On the last three-day Memorial Day weekend—in 1955—the traffic death toll was 365. With more cars on the road than ever before, this year's toll will hardly be smaller. So, DRIVE WITH CARE, EVERYWHERE.

—Peter Edson—

WASHINGTON (NEA) — Of some 15 Democrats whose names are being kicked around in early speculation on 1960 presidential and vice-presidential nominations, not one stands head and shoulders above all others.

Every one has some good points—and some serious drawbacks. That's the Democratic party's dilemma today.

Most of the candidates themselves would probably concede that Gov. Adlai Stevenson still has more on the ball than any of them. Having run twice and lost twice, he has said that he is through. But he can't be scratched yet.

GOV. AVERELL HARRIMAN of New York is 69 now and will be 71 two years from now. But his backers are confident that in 1960, Harriman will be in there and running hard—if he is reelected governor this November.

Orthodox New and Fair Dealers look on Michigan's Gov. G. Mennen Williams as the younger Democrat who most closely stands for the principles of the northern wing of the party. The catch is that southerners consider Williams too closely allied with Walter Reuther and too much of a civil rights man to carry the South.

Gov. Robert B. Meyner of New Jersey looks like presidential material, but there are two strikes against him. He has had no foreign experience. He was born to a Catholic family but he has not been a practicing Catholic in recent years.

FOUR OTHER DEMOCRATIC governors are in the early book, but are not taken too seriously. The terms of all expire at the end of this year. They must be re-elected or win some other office to remain in the public eye.

Gov. Albert Benjamin Chandler of Kentucky and Gov. Frank G. Clement of Tennessee both had the

presidential bug had in 1956. Gov. Orville L. Freeman of Minnesota and Gov. George M. Leader of Pennsylvania are successful young Democratic executives on whom the party pins great hopes.

TWO NEWCOMERS in governorship races this year will also bear watching. They are Mayor David Lawrence of Pittsburgh and California Attorney General Edmund G. (Pat) Brown.

There are at least five U.S. senators who are not averse to being struck by presidential lightning. Democratic Majority Leader Lyndon Johnson of Texas has had a heart attack and says he is not a candidate. His success as a legislative manipulator gives him standing. But he has little appeal to northern Democrats.

Sen. Hubert Humphrey of Minnesota, like Governor Williams of Minnesota, is too closely affiliated with Americans for Democratic Action to suit the South.

Sen. Estes Kefauver of Tennessee hasn't shown up in the polls this past year as well as he did in 1952 and 1956. There's a consensus that he has had his chances and should retire.

AND SO, BY THE process of elimination, the talk comes round to Sen. John Fitzgerald Kennedy of Massachusetts. He will be 41 on May 29. The big question mark, of course, is Kennedy's position as a Catholic.

Sen. Kennedy's immediate problem is to be re-elected senator in November and pile up a great big majority.

Sen. Stuart Symington of Missouri has the same problem. Handicapped man of the law, and experienced in both executive and legislative branches of government after a successful business career, Symington today is seen as being in the most favorable position as a border state compromise candidate.

Lice Infestation Declared At End

PORTLAND (AP) — The infestation of lice on the heads of Multnomah County school children is at an end—if it ever existed.

The county medical society's school health committee was told that this year, 3,500 cases of head lice had appeared to be an infestation that spread from rural eastern Multnomah County through all Portland schools.

Dr. F. Sydney Hansen, county health officer, said that over a number of weeks, 3,500 cases of head lice—house eggs—had been found. Dr. Thomas A. Meador, county health officer, said few if any actual cases of infestation had been uncovered. He had said earlier there was more hysteria than lice.

Dr. Samuel B. Osgood, state epidemiologist, said he had examined 10 specimens reported to be nits. Eight were classified as unidentified with nits present. One was dandruff and the other was hair. Of 10 specimens submitted as examples of lice, nine were head lice, five or other insects, he said.

Dr. William A. Oliver, assistant superintendent of Portland schools, said head inspections by teachers was at an end.

Measure Aims At Halt Of Collisions In Air

WASHINGTON (AP) — The armed services, bowing to mounting demands for prompt action to cut the risk of air collisions, today invoked emergency curbs on military jet flights below 20,000 feet.

The order by the services to curtail lower level flights was announced at a White House news conference last night by Lt. Gen. Elwood R. Quesada, chairman of the President's Air Coordinating Committee. The curbs went into effect today.

Calling the action temporary measure, Quesada said the restrictions would not affect military defense patrols or fighter scrambles in the event of an alert.

FUNERAL ARRANGED
 PORTLAND (AP) — Funeral arrangements are being made for Dr. Leonard Odine, 49, pastor of Westminster Presbyterian Church here and moderator of the Portland Presbytery.

He died at Peoria, Ill., late Sunday after a heart seizure. He had been visiting relatives in Illinois and had planned to attend the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church.

Proposed Sale Of Indian Lands In Oregon Eyed

WASHINGTON (AP) — A House Indian Affairs Subcommittee this week considered a bill to authorize sale of valuable timber lands of the Klamath Indian tribe of Oregon but reached no final agreement.

About 77 per cent of the members of the tribe have voted to take their share of tribal assets in cash. Under a Senate-passed bill, that was being considered Monday, the 23 per cent of the Indians who elected to stay in the tribe will keep the part of the tribal forest land that is allocated to them.

That part of the forest to be sold on behalf of the 77 per cent would be offered for sale to private purchasers at not less than the appraised realization value.

Subject to sustained yield requirements, any not bought by private purchasers would be purchased by the government at not to exceed 90 million dollars.

Undersecretary of the Interior Hatfield Chilton has suggested some amendments to the bill.

Rep. E. V. Rostenkowski (R-Ill.) expressed opposition to the federal government buying up large amounts of forest lands.

He said he understood some dead persons were voted in the tribal election to determine how many members wanted to withdraw and their share in cash. He also understood, he said, that some guardians cast ballots for minors.

4 Persons Waive Extradition To Washington State

SALEM (AP) — Four persons, charged in Walla Walla, Wash., with grand larceny, waived extradition Wednesday and will be taken to Walla Walla later in the day.

As Gov. Robert D. Holmes opened a hearing on whether to extradite them, the four told the governor they had changed their minds and would waive extradition.

The four are charged with making false claims of automobile accident injuries. They are Otto Smith Beard, 43, and his 30-year-old wife, Velma; Donna Marie Norbs, 18; and Virginia Ann Schoene, 34.

Residents of the Hillsboro area, they were arrested in Portland. They had intended to fight extradition, but changed their minds in a brief conference just before the hearing was to open.

The Beards were arrested in Portland May 8, and the other two were picked up the next day. Four others accused of being their associates pleaded guilty in Walla Walla, and two of the four have been sent to prison.

The four will be taken to Walla Walla by two Walla Walla County deputy district attorneys.

OSC To Confer Degrees On 1,500 Graduates

CORVALLIS (AP) — Oregon State College will confer 1,500 degrees at the 89th annual commencement exercises June 9.

Honorary degrees will go to Herman Oliver, John Day banker and rancher who has served on the state Highway Commission and the Board of Higher Education, and to Norris E. Dodd, formerly a merchant and livestock operator at Haines, Ore., who later took important positions in the U.S. Department of Agriculture and then became director general of the United Nations Food and Agriculture Organization. Now retired, Dodd lives at Phoenix, Ariz.

The 1,500 total is 250 more than a year ago.

State Of Emergency Is Declared In Ceylon

COLOMBO, Ceylon (AP) — Gov. Sir Oliver Goonetilleke declared a state of emergency today to help the government suppress Sinhalese-Tamil riots wrecking Ceylon for a week.

The order suspended many civil liberties and established a state just short of martial law. Premier Solomon Bandaranaike already had decreed a dusk-to-dawn curfew in Colombo, where rioting continued for the second day.

Mobs of Sinhalese attacked members of the Tamil minority and fought with police and troops in the capital Monday. Today they beat up Tamils arriving at the city's railway stations.

Court Tosses Out Alienation Suit Verdict Of Jury

SALEM (AP) — The Oregon Supreme Court Wednesday tossed out a \$5,000 verdict that had been awarded in a Marion County alienation of affections case.

Roy Dickenson had won the verdict against John Babich, the plaintiff charging that Babich had alienated the affections of Mrs. Dickenson.

But the high court reversed the verdict on the ground that Babich hadn't been served with a proper summons.

Dickenson had filed an affidavit that Babich was believed to be in Seattle, and he won the lower court's permission to serve Babich by placing an advertisement in a Seattle newspaper.

The Supreme Court ruled that such service was improper because Dickenson had failed to show that Babich either had left the state to avoid service, or that Babich had remained absent from the state for six consecutive weeks.

The opinion, by Chief Justice William C. Perry, reversed Circuit Judge George R. Duncan, Salem, with instructions to dismiss the verdict.

In another case, the Supreme Court ruled that the state owns Meludrum Bar, a gravel bar on the east side of the Willamette River a mile below Oregon City.

Clayton Freidgen and others claimed that the island was once attached to their land, and that they should retain title.

However, the court gave more credence to an 1852 map showing that the bar was an island then, and that the state became owner of the river when Oregon achieved statehood in 1859.

Traffic Deaths Forecast Memorial Day Weekend Harvest Of Lives Fixed At 350 By Safety Council

CHICAGO (AP) — Estimated deaths—350.

That's the advance forecast of the Memorial Day weekend cost of traffic accidents posted this week by the National Safety Council.

The council said its casualty estimate is based on an expectation that 40 million cars will travel around 10 billion miles on the nation's highways during the 78-hour holiday period from 6 p.m. (local time) Thursday to midnight Sunday.

The 350 estimate is roughly 50 greater than if the period were not Memorial Day weekend.

Remedy Is More Care
 The council pointed out that "these holiday deaths just don't have to happen." If a large enough number of motorists and pedestrians use more care and judgment than they do habitually, the public could outguess the safety statistics.

But the public has seldom in the past proved the pre-holiday death toll estimates of the council far wrong.

Here are six motoring hints the National Safety Council says will help you survive:

Be suspicious of every driver on the road and make sure he doesn't give you trouble.

Be a little skeptical of yourself, too—and make sure you don't drive like you think the other driver does.

Don't pressure yourself. Start in time, take it easy, and make it a real pleasure trip.

Don't bite off more trip than you can swallow.

Give in to the other driver, even if you think you're right.

Don't drink if you drive.

Thinking It Over
 By Robert L. Dieffenbacher, D. D.
 (Written for NEA Service)

Maps of bygone days showed the locations of cities in relation to rivers, lakes, mountains or oceans. Today our maps indicate highways, railroads, toll bridges, ferries, airports and a variety of other markings which are significant to the traveler. Road maps show highway numbers and mileages from place to place so a person can plan a trip and schedule his arrival at his destination.

In God's great plan for man on earth He prepared guides as maps. The scriptures point out our progressive steps along life's highway. We must first seek God. We must recognize our sins and our weaknesses. Then we must desire forgiveness and salvation.

From this point on we must progress from love to service, from fellowship to brotherhood, from patience to compassion. There are many points of interest to visit and scores of tempting locations to avoid. We shall miss much if we do not use our Bibles as maps for life.

Hatfield Election Seen By Republican Chief

PORTLAND (AP) — A Republican governor but real difficulty in electing a Republican Senate were predicted this week by two party spokesmen on the television program Viewpoint on KGW-TV.

James F. Short, GOP state chairman, made the prediction of capturing the governorship with Mark Hatfield over Gov. Robert D. Holmes, Republican Sen. Rudie Wilhelms pointed out, however, that his party would have to win 12 of the 15 seats up for election to capture a Senate majority. He called this a difficult task.

The two were on a panel which included Democrats David C. Epps, state chairman, and Sen. Alfred H. Corbett.

Epps predicted a Democratic Party registration lead of more than 60,000 by November, a 50 per cent increase from the primary.

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