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## Soldiers in Songs and Sermons Memorial Day

### Grand Army of Republic Chooses First Presbyterian Church as Its Official Gathering Place; Other Patriotic Orders to Be There.

Commemoration of the soldier dead will be observed by nearly every congregation that meets for worship in a La Grande church tomorrow.

The First Presbyterian church, chosen by the Civil war veterans as their official gathering place, has prepared to receive, not only the Grand Army of the Republic and its allied order, the Women's Relief corps, but the United Spanish War veterans and the American Legion as well.

The Rev. William Crosby Ross will bring a special message to the ex-service men of three wars, and will emphasize the significance of the nation's yearly expression of appreciation through testimony and loving deeds.

Children's day exercises will feature the Sunday school hour at the Presbyterian church. The little folk have prepared a program, for which the group are invited to be present. The annual offering for mission work will be received.

Junior Christian Endeavor will be at 4 p. m. and the Intermediate at 7 o'clock.

**First Methodist**

Miss Celia Cowen, the first missionary ever sent out by the International conference of the Methodist Episcopal church, who is home after five years spent in China, will be the speaker at the evening service at 8 o'clock.

"The Golden Standard" will be the theme of Dr. Henry W. Parker's Memorial day sermon in the morning. The choir will sing in keeping with the day. Bible school will be at 9:45 a. m. The Epworth league, at its service at 7 p. m., will discuss "The Christian and the Color Line."

**Island City Community**

Miss Cowen will appear before the Island City Community Sunday school for about 10 minutes before adjournment tomorrow, telling of her missionary work in China. She also will deliver an address at the 11 o'clock preaching service.

The young people's meeting will be at 7 p. m. Homer Schroeder to be the leader. "The Christian and the Color Line" will be the theme.

**First Baptist**

"Memorial Day - A Memory Day" will be the theme for the morning sermon that the Rev. George Albert Polk will preach tomorrow. In his talk to the little folk, he will tell the story of "How the Civil War Made a Brave Man."

Sunday school will meet at 9:45 a. m. with a closing assembly at 10:20. The men's class, under the pastor's leadership, will be at 7 p. m.

Pictures of "The Children of Israel in the Wilderness" will be shown at the service at 8 p. m.

**St. Peter's Episcopal**

There will be special patriotic music and a sermon by the Rev. Oliver Utley, rector, on "Memorial Day" at the service of morning prayer in St. Peter's Episcopal church tomorrow at 11 a. m. Holy eucharist will be at 8 a. m.; church school at 9:45.

Questions will be answered at the mission service at 8 p. m. The pastor's subject will be "Trinity Sunday."

**Central Church of Christ**

Presenting his ideas of the spirit in which the ceremony should be approached, the Rev. C. V. Dunn, pastor, will deliver the third of his discourses on "The Lord's Supper" at the 11 a. m. service.

Bible school will open at 9:45 a. m. the men's class meeting at the city hall. The giving of the decalogue will be studied.

The Endeavor societies will meet at 7 p. m. the seniors receiving the members of the Epworth league as guests.

Evening worship will begin at 8 p. m. the pastor using for his subject, "What Does the Bible Teach About Hell?" There will be a sermonette for the boys and girls. Special music has been arranged.

**Methodist Church South**

For his Memorial day sermon in the morning the Rev. J. A. Hall has chosen the subject "In Memory of the Prince of Peace." An evangelistic sermon will be preached at the 8 p. m. service.

Sunday school will be at 9:45 a. m.

The pastor extends a special in-

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He carries on. His grandfather may have died in the Civil war, his father in the Spanish-American war, and his brother in the world war, but he wears the colors Uncle Sam loves the best in day. Memorial day is the civil war veteran's day - and his day too.

## Six Local Nazarenes Going to Convention

Delegates from La Grande to the Idaho-Oregon district assembly of the church of the Nazarenes, which is to convene at Nampa, Ida., June 2-7, will be the Rev. and Mrs. L. D. Meggers, Rebecca Jordan, Mrs. Floyd Moore, Mrs. Claude Moton and Mrs. Lester Long. They plan to leave Tuesday morning.

Mr. Jordan will represent the N. Y. P. S.; Mrs. Long, the Women's Foreign Missionary society, and Mrs. Moore and Mrs. Moton, the church.

Services during the pastor's absence will continue regularly. Lester Long will have charge of the mid-week prayer meeting. Next Sunday's services will be conducted by H. H. Cleaver and Lee Gregory.

## BANQUET ENDS SEASON

Marking the close of the season as well as the end of the attendance contest, a banquet will entertain the members of the Men's Forum Tuesday at 6:30 p. m. in the basement dining room of the First M. E. church. Losers in the race will be required to wash the dishes, the committee announces. After dinner, A. B. Cherry will show pictures from his recent trip around the world. Through an error on the announcement cards, confusion as to the exact date of the meeting has resulted. The time should have read Tuesday, June 1.

After searching desperately all night for a man reported missing when a Hartford building collapsed, one of the rescue party learned that he himself was the supposed victim.

## 700 Bullseyes



Miss Helen Lightburn, 17-year-old Crestline (O.) high school girl, has set a new world's record for javelin girls in marksmanship. She scored 711 bullseyes in succession, and not shooting because of darkness and not because she had missed.

## 7 Survivors of Civil War Now On Roll

### Time-Worn Veterans of American Rebellion to Have Big Part in Day's Program.

When the roll is called for Oliver P. Morton post, No. 36, of the Grand Army of the Republic, Monday morning at the Memorial day services over flag-marked graves at the cemetery, not more than seven men will answer to their names.

Only seven time-worn veterans survive of all the 50 or more who might have been mustered from the valley for a Decoration day observance 30 years ago. But they are seven soldiers, with patriotism enough burning in their honest breasts to ignite a whole army of heroes.

"Open Post" in Order

Now that the number has so dwindled, the post no longer holds its separate meetings, but joins the Women's Relief corps every third Saturday of the month for an afternoon of reminiscences and fellowship. "Open post," as the occasion is termed, usually gets the veterans out, too, for W. R. C. ladies never fail to provide an entertaining program and a hearty meal.

But even though they have no regular sessions, the members maintain regular post formation. A. J. Martin is commander, G. W. Allen is senior vice, and E. M. Murphy, of Alford, the junior. The Rev. J. W. Oliver, a retired Baptist minister, acts in triple capacity as chaplain, adjutant and quartermaster. C. C. Caldwell, of Perry, is guard-officer of the day. The other two members, less often in attendance, are Admur Stout, whose home is in old town, and Joe Ansen, living beyond Island City.

## Two Passed Recently

Just within the last three months two of the members were called to join the ranks on the other side. They were Freeman Ladd and C. M. Riddle.

"It is almost impossible to get a quorum for action now," Senior Vice Commander Allen was mourning Thursday. "You see, it takes seven for a quorum, and we hardly ever have more than five. Why, our desk has hardly been open in the last two years except when I unlocked it to take out some books."

But a bit of heart was put into Oliver P. Morton post the other day when the commander from Wallawa vouchsafed news that he was moving to La Grande soon, and wanted to transfer his membership. He had the word of the three members of his post that they would disband and take out membership here, too, if he came.

## Memorial Day Originated In Colonial Mansion in Georgia

(By NEA Service)

The Memorial day idea was born in a stately old Colonial mansion of Columbus, Georgia, the home of Mrs. John Tyler, on April 26, 1866.

The wounds of the Civil war were fresh in the land. Aching hearts were stealing to cemeteries to bedeck the graves of soldiers and husbands who had died fighting for the blue or the gray.

Thousands of others sought graves of those called "missing" and longed for even a grave to call their own.

It was then that Mrs. Tyler called together the women of her town and organized a Ladies' Memorial association. The women went from Mrs. Tyler's home to Linwood cemetery in Columbus where formal Memorial day exercises were held, and the women solemnly pledged to carry on the sweet task of decorating the graves of the soldier dead on the same day each year.

Within a very few years the idea had swept the nation until Memorial day became a legal holiday as decreed by congress. The date, however, is optional with the states themselves. Several southern states adhere to the original date of April 26. But most of the states celebrate Memorial day on May 30 when flowers are in bloom for decorating at the graves.

General John A. Logan of Civil war fame is credited with the first general proclamation setting aside one Memorial day each year as a day of tribute.

In 1868, when Logan was commander in chief of the G. A. R., story has it that his wife returned from a southern visit and told him from the grave of each Confederate soldier at Petersburg was decorated with a wreath and a Confederate flag.

It was then that "Black Eagle" Logan issued an order from G. A. R. headquarters on May 5, 1868, making Memorial day a northern as well as a southern custom.

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Portland last year, is the last surviving member of the original group, he believes.

Just how many Civil war veterans rest in cemeteries over the valley, the officers of the post were unable to tell. Something like a hundred flags are put out on the graves each year, they estimate. There are Union soldiers buried in all of the La Grande cemeteries.

## Pioneers' Graves Flagged

Memorial day flags in most cases mark the graves of pioneers as well as war heroes. The country was too new in the rebellion days for troops to be mustered here, but many of the adventuresome young soldiers came to Oregon when they received their discharge from the service.

The middle west was barely settled in those days, as testified by Mr. Allen's tale of how he and other Iowa recruits were sent to the northern border to quell the Indian disturbances that were adding to the government's troubles. Afterward he fought under old General Price in Tennessee.

One of the 30,000 eastern Tennesseans who staunchly supported the union from which the rest of the state seceded was Chaplain Oliver. His is an exciting story of escape, under the protection of an old hunter, across the Cumberland mountains to the camps of the federal forces. Only a lad of 18 then, he fought with the loyalists, and daily saw his old friends and neighbors among the prisoners brought back. His father's home was in the path of the fighting for the greater part of the war. The house and fields were continually plundered, though his valiant mother struggled to keep her possessions, and once took a bullet from a soldier's gun when he taunted her with the sack of gold after he had robbed her.

Seven veterans of a great national struggle, with not seven but seventy times seven stories. They have swapped them over at the K. P. hall, where the Women's Relief corps holds open post. They will all be new and ready for repeating when the Wallawa post adds its forces of four veterans, with their volumes of tales to be told.

"Someone is hurting a little dog," shrieked a woman, Thursday morning as aronized yelps suddenly filled the air.

## HIS DAY



## DR. ENGESET TO PASS ON PULPIT CALL TOMORROW

At the close of the sermon and communion services at the Zion Lutheran church Sunday morning the Rev. Andrew Engeset, of Portland will give to the members of the church council his decision on acceptance of their visitation to the pulpit here.

Mr. Engeset, who was invited to take charge of the Zion pulpit soon after his visit to La Grande a few weeks ago, is at present pastor of the church of the Redeemer at Portland.

He will conduct the rites of holy communion, and will preach a morning sermon on "The Man Who Came to Jesus by Night." Instead of the usual Luther league meeting in the evening, the Portland minister will preach, his topic to be "What Wilt Thou Have Me Do?"

## To Travel In



A smart best for traveling is a beige felt with a band and flat bow-tie taffeta.

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## Radio

## SUNDAY, MAY 30

**KFXP, Colorado Springs, Colo.** 249.9m-1290kc, 11 a. m., First Presbyterian church; 7:30 p. m., First Methodist church.

**KOA, Denver, Colo.** (322.4m-830kc), 11 a. m., Augustana Lutheran church; 5 p. m., Denver College of Music; 6:30 KOA orchestra; 7:30, Augustana Lutheran church.

**Pacific Standard Time Stations**

**KEL, Los Angeles, Cal.** (467.3m-642kc), 7-7:30 p. m., Grebe Synchrophase string ensemble; 7:30-8, Jim Jack and Jean trio; 8-8, Acolian organ; 9-10, Movieland symphonians; 10-11, Packard Six dance orchestra.

**KFWB, Hollywood, Cal.** (252m-1190kc), 9-11 p. m., Warner Brothers movie frolic; a Memorial day edition.

**KGW, Portland, Ore.** (491.5m-610kc), 10:25 a. m., First Presbyterian church; 7:30-9 p. m., church; 9:10-10, Chevrolet symphony orchestra.

**KLL, Los Angeles, Cal.** (405.2m-740kc), 7-8 p. m., First Methodist Episcopal church; 8-10, special Memorial day program.

**KNX, Hollywood, Cal.** (330.9m-890kc), 8-9 p. m., First Presbyterian church, of Hollywood; 9-10:30, Russian string quartet.

**KTAB, Oakland, Cal.** (239.9m-1250kc), 11-12:30 p. m., services; 7:45-9:15, services; 9:30-11, concert.

One solution of the problem of education in American universities would be in the imposition of tasks that would completely fill the time of students with hard work, according to President Angell of Yale.

Farmers are the largest users of the single exception of the railroads. Nearly sixteen billion horsepower hours are used annually on farms.

A mail carrier and a truck driver rushed to investigate and found a faithful dog whose feelings were injured because it had been left shut in a sedan.

## La Grande To Observe Day Monday

### Tribute Will Be Paid to Soldiers Who Made the Supreme Sacrifice for America.

Mindful that the years are short till the last blue-coated veteran will have joined the gathering ranks of his comrades on the other side, La Grande is putting away her busyday occupations Monday to commemorate with fitting reverence the deeds of those who rose long ago to the defense of the flag.

There will be the slow procession to the cemetery, just as there have been Memorial day processions as far back as the oldest resident can remember. Flags and wreaths of flowers will be placed upon the graves of the soldier dead. And then, with the crowd gathered respectfully around them, the boys of '61—dim-eyed old men now—will read the stately burial rites of the Grand Army of the Republic. The American Legion flag squad and bugler will assist.

From the graveyards, their throats light from mingled pride and mourning, the G. A. R.'s, with all the other patriotic bodies, will come back down town to the Presbyterian church, where the Memorial day program will be given.

Ready to speak

Justice Hugh E. Brady, an ex-service man and a member of the American Legion, has been chosen to deliver the address.

Fifteen minutes of music by the La Grande military band will come first—a martial dirge that will make the heart beat fast and the blood bound to be off on the march. Then the people will rise together and sing "America."

The Rev. J. W. Oliver, chaplain of the Oliver P. Morton post No. 36, of the G. A. R., will give the invocation.

Raymond O. Williams will sing a baritone solo, following which will be reading of the ritual by the "boys in blue."

The program will close, after Justice Brady's speech, with a tenor solo by G. L. Dutton.

Immediately afterward, all the ex-service men, from the Civil war veterans down to the latest out of uniforms, will be guests of the Women's Relief corps, the American Legion auxiliary and the Daughters of the American Revolution at dinner in the Knights of Pythias hall. The invitation includes also the national guardsmen, and the members of other organizations that are to take part in the parade.

The procession is scheduled to begin promptly at 10 o'clock. So that there may be no delay, Ray Williams, who is chairman of the day, has requested each group to be at its appointed place by 9:45. National guardsmen are to meet at Zuber hall; the Grand Army of the Republic and the Women's Relief Corps, in front of the Odd Fellows' temple; the American Legion, the United Spanish War Veterans, the Sons of Veterans and all the allied patriotic orders, before the city hall.

The band, preceded by the color guard, will lead off. The parade from Zuber hall. Behind the band will march the Oregon National guard, as escort of honor for the Civil war veterans, who will follow in automobiles. Their auxiliary, the W. R. C., will ride behind them. Next in line will be the D. A. R., the U. S. W. V., then the legionnaires and their auxiliary. They will be followed by the Sons of Veterans, and by the Salvation Army corps. The Boy Scouts of America, have been delegated rear guard for the parade.

Line of March

Down Washington avenue from Zuber hall, the rolling drums will lead the procession, thence across Greenwood street to Adams avenue. Proceeding the length of the business section, the marchers will turn into Fourth street, to tread the long blocks to the Masonic cemetery, where the opening rites will be solemnized.

No celebration is planned to follow the march, the program and the dinner. Memorial day, the patriotic bodies mind, was established for remembering, not rejoicing.

