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Friend Takes Over Writing Job Of Ernie Pyle

By LEE G. MILLER

MANILA — (By Wireless) — They've asked me to take over Ernie Pyle's column. I have agreed to try it, though with misgivings.

I'm not going to try to "write like Ernie." All I can do is write like Miller. If occasionally something pops out that looks as if I were consciously imitating Ernie's way of writing, please bear in mind that he and I have worked together almost constantly since 1923 when we both got jobs on the Washington Daily News. Such long association is apt to result in some similarities of thought and mannerism.

What I'm driving at is this: I will feel miserable if people get the idea I have the impertinence to aspire to fill Ernie's shoes. Maybe I can fill the space where his copy has run, but I'm fully aware that nobody will ever fill the place that Ernie won in the thoughts and hearts of so many millions of Americans.

Other correspondents are always trying to figure out the reason for Ernie's great success. I don't know that I have the right answer to that one.

But my guess is that the basic reason was quite simple—that Ernie was a very competent craftsman, skilled from those years he devoted as a desk man to polishing the copy of other people, and—this is more important—he had a warmth about him, and an understanding of people.

He used to say of certain friends that there was "a harmony" between them and there came to be a "harmony" between Ernie and the Lord only knows why, many people who were actually complete strangers to him, but who regarded him as a personal friend.

It was that friendship of those unknown readers that drove Ernie to his death.

Perhaps it will sound mawkish to put it in words, but it is a fact that he felt he couldn't reject the responsibility imposed by the devotion of those strangers who were his friends. He forced himself, against the advice of friends and against his own gnawing fear of death, to go back into action.

Commander Vic Blakeslee of the navy was here the other night. He was with Ernie on Guam. He said he pleaded with Ernie not to go ashore with the troops in the Ryukyus.

"He was looking pale and tired," Vic said. "I tried to tell him he was too useful a citizen to take chances with his life. I told him he was surely going to get killed if he kept on pressing his luck. But his mind was made up and I couldn't do anything about it."

It may be that Ernie was getting self-conscious. I mean he had become such a celebrity that he was treated like royalty wherever he went. Special favors were showered on him. The big shots curried him. And I suspect that he had an uncomfortable feeling about all this—a feeling that this was very nice but it wasn't his way, that he had to get back where he belonged, with the troops.

Oregon City Woman In Line for Honors

SALEM, Ore., May 1 (UP) — Mrs. Ella Garner, Oregon City, winner of last year's award as "Oregon War Mother," is leading contestant for this year's title. It was announced today by Douglas Mullarky, private secretary to Gov. Earl Snell.

Mrs. Garner has nine sons in service. She had eight at the time of the contest last year, but another son enlisted shortly after the contest ended in 1944.

Oregon's war mother will be the state's nominee for the national title, Mullarky said.

HEADS GIRL'S SCHOOL

SALEM, Ore., May 1 (UP) — Mrs. Kathryn Louiza took over her new duties as the superintendent of the Hillcrest state girls school today. She replaces Mrs. Mary Way Frye, who resigned.

SINGERS REHEARSE

The united church choir will rehearse for music week at 8:30 p.m. Wednesday in the First Methodist church for the national music week concert. All singers are welcome.

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FRIEND ASSUMES PYLE'S CHORE—Lee Miller, left, most intimate friend of the late Ernie Pyle, with whom he is shown here in a recent photograph, today begins writing a daily column for the Evening Observer, substituting for the column formerly written about GI Joe by Pyle.

"Soft" Treatment for Nazi Prisoners?

Not From General Bryan and His Boys

By FREDERICK C. OTHMAN
United Press Staff Correspondent

WASHINGTON, May 1 (UP) — Now we have German prisoners of war anointing themselves with perfumed skin oils and bringing out the glister in their hair with bottled shampoos deluxe.

No cracks, customers, please, until you've read on:

"Sure they get this stuff," said Brig. Gen. B. M. Bryan, the hard-boiled, bald-as-a-billiard-ball boss of the 400,000 prisoners now in America. "They get other funny items, too, like ash trays and cigar and cigar holders."

"We sell the Germans these things. We're glad to do it. He buys 'em out of his 80 cents a day earnings. The more money he spends (for what the general obviously considers junk), the less he takes back later to Germany and the better we like it."

Gen. Bryan was testifying before the house military affairs committee about our treatment of war prisoners. The members pelted him with questions about Easter ham for Germans and beer and cigarettes: Nazi salutes and celebrations of Adolf's birthday.

"I thought I'd get that ham question," said the general when Rep. Charles R. Clason of Mass. brought it up. "They got one ham. It was one that had been rejected by the army. It was old and it was salty. They were lucky to get it."

The general went on to say that he'd been trying to live up to the Geneva convention about giving prisoners the same treatment that American soldiers get. Here lately, he said, the rules have been toughened.

A week or so ago cigars and cigars were made verboten for Germans. Gen. Bryan said those pretty cigar holders wouldn't do 'em much good, unless they were experts at rolling their own. "The army still lets 'em buy tobacco."

The general said they never had been allowed to celebrate Hitler's birthday. Somebody asked whether the Red Cross ever held dances for Germans, as reported.

"I should say not," General Bryan said. "Even if the Red Cross wanted to do it, I would have forbidden it."

A congressman brought up reports of German prisoners in a North Carolina camp contracting venereal diseases from female workers in the laundry. Gen. Bryan said he'd investigated that and had discovered that the camp had no laundry, no laundresses, and no disease.

He made a first class witness. He indicated that he gave the Germans exactly what the rules said he had to give 'em, and no more any monkey business (he used that phrase) and they went on a diet of bread and water.

If they like to spend their money on sweet-smelling unguents — and it's hard-earned — they're suckers and it serves 'em right. Makes the general chortle.

STUDY GROUP TO MEET

The literature study group of the American Association of University Women will meet Thursday evening at the home of Miss Lucy Comstock.

Mrs. Lyle Johnson will present the reviews and any interested person is invited.

Canada's total milk production for 1944 is estimated at 17,600,000,000 pounds.

CUB GROUP TO MEET

Den mothers and committee members of cub pack 114 will meet at 7:30 o'clock tonight in the First Presbyterian church for a survey of progress and registration of the cubs.

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College Receives Two Scholarships

Receipt of two additional scholarships for the 1945-46 school year at Eastern Oregon college was acknowledged today by President Roben J. Maaske.

He announced Mrs. Florence Miller, vocal instructor at the college, has provided a vocal scholarship worth \$90 to be awarded a deserving student, preferably a freshman. Renewal of the \$50 scholarship of the American Legion post of La Grande, also was announced. It will go to a graduate of La Grande high school.

Eight Vehicles Figure in Crashes

Four traffic accidents were reported to the city police yesterday, one of them being that in which Eldon A. Rush of Elgin was seriously injured Saturday.

Joe Nelson, Elgin truck driver, reported his truck and Rush's automobile collided on the Palmer Valley road. Rush incurred a skull fracture and other injuries. Nelson escaped uninjured. Both vehicles were damaged.

Roy E. Simpson reported a collision between his car and one driven by Leone Combs as she was backing from the curb yesterday near Depot street and Adams avenue.

Cars driven by F. G. Robinson of Cove and Darlene Mayfield of La Grande collided Saturday night on the Lower Cove road.

A Blue mountain creamery truck, driven by William R. Nurni, and an automobile driven by H. H. Labbe collided yesterday morning in a downtown alley.

Slayer Is Guarded To Prevent Suicide

SEATTLE, May 1 (UP) — Joe Bill, 33-year-old confessed slayer of 5-year-old Irma Irene McGough, today was transferred from the city jail to the county jail to prevent an attempt at suicide.

Detective Capt. Jamel Lawrence said "He's been wanting to do away with himself ever since we put him in jail."

Prosecutor Lloyd Shorett said bill would be arraigned Friday on first degree murder charges. He was arrested Saturday after a week-long search. Police said he admitted he raped and strangled the child April 22.

Youth Group Has Park Picnic Session

Member of the Westminster Youth Fellowship of the First Presbyterian church met Sunday evening in Riverside park. After a weiner roast and a period of fun, the group gathered under the trees for a devotional and the discussion of a theme in keeping with the San Francisco security conference.

The subject was "The Dream of a New World Order." Bill Wells, Jerry Owsley, Max Ingerson and Doug Talney participating in the round-table discussion. Plans were laid for a concert tea on May 12, the proceeds to go far a bond for the proposed youth building of the church.

Girl Scout Troop Enrolls 34 Members

Registration of the Girl Scout troop sponsored by the First Presbyterian church was completed last night with 34 girls enrolled under the leadership of Mrs. Donald Hunter.

Mrs. William Rivers was elected chairman of the troop committee with Mrs. P. J. Steffen, Mrs. Retta Ehlers, Mrs. M. Mortensen, Mrs. P. O. Sigler and Mrs. F. DeBois to serve with her.

The committee will assist with the hike and weiner roast to be held at Riverside park Monday evening, and at future meetings.

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Pre-School Party Planned by P-TA

The Parent-Teacher association of Ackerman school will be hostesses at a pre-school party at 1:30 o'clock Thursday afternoon in the kindergarten room.

Anyone having children eligible for school attendance who desires to have them attend Ackerman school is asked to be present. Any child born on or before November 15, 1939, will be eligible to enter school this fall.

A graduate nurse and members of the P-T A will explain the value and work of the health clinic for pre-school age children, in which emphasis will be placed on immunization and vaccination. A health clinic will be arranged later for immunization.

Fruitdale School To Have Picnic

Children of the Fruitdale school will be entertained with a picnic luncheon in the school yard at noon Friday by the parent-teacher association.

Members of the P-T A are asked to take weiners, buns, salad and cookies.

The last P-T-A meeting of the school year will be held at 2:15 p.m. following the picnic.

Society Briefs

Mrs. Carl Giltner and daughter have returned to La Grande from Virginia where her husband was stationed, and will stay with Mrs. Giltner's parents, Dr. and Mrs. Ray Murphy. Mrs. Murphy met them in Chicago and accompanied them on the return trip.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Wilson of Hermiston visited Sunday and Monday in La Grande with friends and relatives.

Mrs. Bertha Cronin of Enterprise, who has been here since Saturday, a guest at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Victor, returned to her home today. Accompanying Mrs. Cronin on her return trip were Mr. and Mrs. Victor and their daughters, Yudith Victor and Mrs. Getta Daventport.

Social Calendar

TUESDAY

7:30 p.m. Neighbors of Woodcraft, IOOF hall.

8 p.m. St. Ann's guild, Mrs. Don Browning, 504 Washington avenue.

8 p.m. VFW and auxiliary, K of P hall.

WEDNESDAY

2 p.m. Women's Aid society of Baptist church, Mrs. Louis L. Dierks.

2 p.m. St. Peter's guild, guild hall.

2:30 p.m. Girl Scout council and workers, First Methodist church.

2:30 p.m. Women's council Christian church, Lela Veolz, Fruitdale. Transportation at church 2 p.m.

THURSDAY

12 m. BRT auxiliary, anniversary dinner, Neighborhood club.

1:30 p.m. Ackerman P-T-A pre-school party, school.

2 p.m. Island City Ladies Aid Mothers day party, Mrs. John Dahlstrom.

2 p.m. Home Department of First Presbyterian church, Mrs. Lynn Bohnenkamp.

8 p.m. BLF and E Auxiliary, IOOF hall.

FRIDAY

2:15 p.m. Fruitdale P-TA school.

6 p.m. BLF and E and auxiliary, potluck dinner, K of P hall.

CHURCH GROUP TO MEET

Mrs. Lynn Bohnenkamp will be hostess to the Home department of the First Presbyterian church at her home at 2 o'clock Thursday afternoon, for a quilting session.

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Founders Day Is Observed at Dinner Of Sorority Group

Gamma chapter of Beta Sigma Phi observed Founders Day, an annual celebration, with a formal dinner in the Fireside banquet room last night.

Mrs. Jack Denny was mistress of ceremonies. Mrs. Louis Zecha spoke on the activities of the chapter since its inception 14 years ago. A letter, written by Betty Jane Grice, who recently entered the army nurses corps, was read. A toast to the fighting forces was proposed by Mrs. Layton Graham, and by Mrs. Keith Walker to "Tomorrow." Mrs. Floyd Kennedy offered a toast to "Tolerance," and Miss Kathleen Rochester to "Vision."

The prize song of the year was sung by Mrs. James Kisselburgh.

Following the dinner the ritual of jewels was given to Mrs. Graham, Mrs. Robert Bruch and Mrs. Kennedy. Officers were installed, with Mrs. Zecha as the new president, Mrs. Denny, vice-president, Miss Rochester recording secretary, and Mrs. Kisselburgh, treasurer.

Others present were Mrs. Millard Galloway, Miss June Cooledge, Mrs. George Wilson, Miss Kathryn Foley, Mrs. Lyle Gerber and Mrs. Henry Hayden.

The next meeting will be in the home of Mrs. Galloway on May 8.

Students to Appear in Piano Recital

Miss Hilda Anthony will present her high school and junior high school students in a piano recital at 8 o'clock tomorrow night in the Sacajawea Inn.

To appear on the program are Donna Lu Bingham, Eloise Tucker, Maurine Gerards, Ellen McCormick, Mary Snider, Lawrence Richardson, Donald Blacker, John Larson, Max Ingerson, Lynn Norby, Robert Wilkins, Gerald Motz, Jerry Owsley, Dorothy Hart, Mary Ann Davies, Phyllis McLaughlin and Mary Jasper.

AID SOCIETY TO MEET
The Women's Aid society of the Baptist church will meet at 2 p.m. tomorrow at the home of Mrs. Louis L. Dierks. Mrs. Stanley Hunt will conduct the devotionals taking "Looking Forward" as her theme.

Those wishing transportation will meet at 1:15 o'clock at the church.

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