

Up and Down the Mountain

By JOE KIEFER

This year Memorial day will be a one day vacation to most of the people of our nation. But there are none of us except young children whose thoughts do not turn on Memorial day itself to those loved ones we have lost.

As the special day for honoring patriots who have given their lives in the nation wars, this one is marked by traditional military parades and it is being observed throughout our nation with the firing of salutes and the mourning of graves.

This paying tribute to the soldier dead is the purpose of Memorial day as a national holiday.

The annual observance began as "Decoration day" in 1868 when Gen. John A. Logan, then commander in chief of the Grand Army of the Republic, issued an order to the G. A. R. that the graves of northern fighting men be strewn with flowers one May 30.

The long bloodletting of the Civil war had ended three years before, and there was no community, north or south, free from mourning for men who had died on the field of battle. Let us remember also in gratitude and tenderness our soldier dead of the Spanish-American war the First and Second World Wars, and those of Korea.

A Day Of Remembering
By dying before their time, these men have paid the price of keeping America free and this day of recognizing their immeasurable sacrifice should make us better Americans, more humbly appreciative of the blessings of our liberty.

And each of us has his own private list of those whose still voices echo in our heart.

Let this be a day for remembering them with thankfulness for the joy it was to love them. "Hero of the Spring"—that is what Adolf Muller called the flowering dogwood and he devoted 30 years of his life to bringing its beauty into as many lives as possible.

Following the legendary footsteps of Johnny Appleseed, Adolf Muller preached the gospel of the beautiful dogwood across the land.

The happiest year for Adolf Muller was in 1941 when the Mens Garden Clubs of America gave him their annual Johnny Appleseed award. There are 30,000 dogwood trees at Valley Forge, Pa., mostly planted by Adolf Muller, and when in bloom creating one of the world's greatest outdoor flower shows.

Seed Distributed
This fall the seed-bearing red berries of Valley Forge's dogwoods will be collected for distribution in the summer of 1964 to the 50,000 Boy Scouts who will attend the Boy Scout Jamboree held there every seven years.

And as they have been doing since 1950 the boys will take them home and plant them in backyards and fields across the country.

In 1943 Adolf Muller, known as the "Dogwood Man," went to meet his God. He is buried beside the Chapel at Valley Forge near a grove of his loved "Heros of the Spring."

Milwaukee can be proud after planting 1000 dogwood trees within the city limits and some day soon it will be a real place of beauty and acknowledged as the Dogwood City of our northwest.

The dogwood, to me, is the most beautiful tree in our woodlands, and here is the old legend of how the tree became what it is now.

At the time of the crucifixion the dogwood had the size of the oak and other forest trees.

So firm and strong was the tree that it was chosen for the cross.

Tree Distressed
To be used thus for such a cruel purpose greatly distressed the tree and Jesus nailed upon it, sensed this and in his gentle pity for all sorrow and suffering, said to it,

"Because of your pity for my suffering, never again shall a dogwood tree grow large enough to be used as a cross."

"Henceforth it shall be bent and twisted and its blossoms shall be in the form of a cross—two long and two short petals."

And in the center of the outer edge of each petal there will be nail prints, brown with rust, and stained with red, and in the center of the flower will be a crown as of thorns and all who see it will remember."

I am closing this column by offering my most sincere condolence to the Scales family.

God has taken some one you love.

There comes a time for all of us.

When we must say good-bye. But faith and hope and love and trust.

Can never, never die.

Bible School 'Travel' Told

"Traveling God's Highway" is the theme of Sandy Baptist Chapel's Vacation Bible school this year. The school hours are from 9 a.m. until 12 noon, Monday through Friday for two weeks, June 3-14.

"Travel is exhilarating," says Rev. Fred Fuller. From the baby who loves to "go bye-bye" to the oldest who prefers travel via television the lure of traveling entices everyone. But earthbound travel—no matter how exciting—cannot compare with the thrill of traveling on God's Highway.

For this is equivalent to leaving behind our own selfish way and going ahead by way of God's "Crossroad" to His highway, having as our Guide the Lord Jesus Himself.

Thus, traveling on God's Highway is a thrilling theme for the 1963 series of five courses for all ages: the 3 and 4 year olds, taught by Mrs. Olive Davis; the 5's and 6's, taught by Mrs. Thel Minyard; children going into the 2nd and 3rd grades by Mrs. Gladys Benshoof; those going into the 4th, 5th, and 6th grades by Mrs. Hazel Duncan; and those going into the 7th, 8th, and 9th grades by Mrs. Moira Fuller.

Rev. Fuller will be the director of the school. There will be songs, Bible stories, crafts, games, refreshments, and a missionary story each day. Registration will begin at 8:45 a.m., Monday, June 3, at Sandy Baptist chapel.

Obituaries

MILO A. NELSON

Milo Arthur Nelson of Rt. 2, Box 234 Boring, died Friday at his home in the Hales district.

He was born Aug. 19, 1888 at Cook, Nebr. His early life was spent in Nebraska where he attended school and was married on May 23, 1907 at Tecumseh.

From Nebraska they moved to Denver, where he was an antique dealer. About 1948 he came to Oregon, and settled in the country east of Gresham. He was a member of the Baptist church. He has been in failing health for the past year.

Surviving members of his family include his wife, Margaret Ann of Boring; and five children—Ronald Nelson, Portland, Mrs. Helen Bailey of Denver, Mrs. Hazel Wright of San Jose, Calif., Charles W. Nelson of Denver and Mrs. Charlene Wolf of Englewood, Colo.

There also are 10 grandchildren, and 11 great-grandchildren. A sister, Mrs. Walter Jones, lives at Lexington, Neb.

Funeral services will be held Tuesday at 2 p.m. in the chapel of Carroll Funeral Home, Gresham. Interment will be in Sunset Hills Memorial cemetery.

KATSUMI MISHIMA

Katsumi Mishima, 62, Rt. 1, Box 937, Boring, died suddenly May 23 after suffering a heart attack. He was born March 3, 1901 in Japan and came to the United States in 1916. He was married in 1921 in Japan and was a farmer all his life. He lived in the Fairview-Troutdale area before the war and since the war had lived in Boring.

He is survived by his wife, Sakaye; four children, Yoshio, Boring, Dr. Henry, Gresham; Harry and Richard, both of Portland; eight grandchildren, and two brothers and a sister in Japan.

Wake and funeral services will be held May 27 at 7:30 p.m. in the Oregon Buddhist church in Portland, with burial at Forest Lawn cemetery Tuesday at 3 p.m.

Bateman funeral chapel handled arrangements.

WILLIAM M. JOHNSON

William M. Johnson, 79, Rt. 1, Box 254, Eagle Creek, died May 22 after a short illness. He was born in Nebraska on Aug. 15, 1883. He had been a farmer all his life, coming to Oregon from Nebraska 17 years ago.

He was married in 1909 in Grand Island, Nebr., to Pauline Riemers. She survives, as do a son, Gaylord L. of Eagle Creek, and three daughters, Mrs. Martin Hare and Mrs. James Nelson of Eagle Creek and Mrs. Robert Balch of Gresham. Nine grandchildren and seven great grandchildren.

Funeral services were held Saturday at Bateman funeral chapel with burial at Forest Lawn cemetery.

Bull Run Has Swim Classes

Bull Run school has been conducting swim classes whenever the weather would cooperate, says Principal Wilbur Sulzbach. Sulzbach has been taking students in grades five through eight to nearby Roslyn Lake for instruction.

If the weather warms, youngsters in the lower grades will get to go swim-learning, too. Sulzbach says the water of Roslyn lake, fed by mountain streams, has been extremely shivery.

He is teaching the young swimmers - to be to immerse their faces in the water and blow bubbles and most say they are practicing diligently in the bathtub at home in anticipation of the next swim day.

Gresham VFW Seats Officers

Harlan Mason was installed as commander of Gresham VFW Post 4032 last week, succeeding Marvin Olson.

Other new officers include: Karl Keller, senior vice commander; Leo Bruss, junior vice commander; Floyd Cook, quartermaster; Maurice Wheeler, adjutant; Elmus Spawn, chaplain; Dale Guenther, service officer, and Clair Henderson, surgeon. Jim Gilroy of Department of Oregon headquarters, was installing officer.

Wives of the incoming and retiring commanders served refreshments.

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Student voting at Cottrell School resulted in the election of these five young people as student body officers for the 1963-64 school year. In the back row are Jackie Dunn,

treasurer; Gretchen Booth, vice president and Linda Brook, president. In front are Vince Matz, sergeant-at-arms and Allan Hall, secretary.

(Sandy Post photo)

County YMCA Offers Swim Safety Rules

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Keeping fun in swimming and danger out is the purpose of a new YMCA pocket-size folder being issued today. Titled "How To Keep Your Kids (And Yourself) Safe In The Water," the folder was written specially for parents of small children.

"Swimming and other water sports can be a lot of fun, and there's no better exercise," Mrs. Alice Stout, Chairman of the Health and PE Committee of the YMCA, said today. "But the fun goes out when danger comes in and tragedy follows."

How dangerous water can be is shown by the nearly 7,000 drownings last year. Knowing something about water safety can help cut down drownings and water accidents. Carelessness, the greatest single cause of water accidents, has made drowning the fourth highest accident killer in the country.

"Water Safety is pretty much a matter of doing the right things and avoiding the wrong ones," Mrs. Stout said. "The do's and don'ts have been boiled down to a few simple, easy - to follow rules in the new folder. The best thing parents can do is memorize them, then drill them into their children."

The first rule is, learn to swim. That goes for everyone in your family. If you can't,

learn how; nearly everyone can, including Mom and Dad. If you can't swim, then stay out of the water or at least stay in shallow and protected water. Make sure a life guard is on hand, and that rule applies even if you can swim, Mrs. Stout said.

Homeless YW Needs a Friend

"Friend of the friendless" and "home for the homeless" have identified the YWCA around the world for years. But in Gresham the YW itself is homeless.

Started nine weeks ago in Gresham, YWCA classes have been held at the Gresham Community Center on Powell. The opening series ends next week, and Mrs. Grace Kent of Gresham, who is director of the YWCA young adult department, is looking for a larger place in which to hold classes next fall.

The Gresham YWCA will need seven small rooms and one large room. The ladies would like to have a little running water for washing up after the French and Italian cooking classes they have scheduled.

On the "wish" list for the new YWCA's Gresham home is a spot where the bridge players can concentrate on the fine points of their game without disturbance from the running and jumping of the physical fitness crew.

Classes are held two hours a week in nine-week sessions during the fall, winter and spring. Greshamites who have a suitable "home" for the YW can contact Mrs. Kent at MO 5-9540 or CA 3-6281.

The Gresham YW classes will have more than adequate room for their final meeting Thursday, June 6, when they go to Welches for the day. The bridge and knitting classes will meet at 9 a.m. Thursday in the Community Center for an hour's session, then join the members of the other YW groups for the trip up the mountain.

Plans for the day include luncheon at Mt. Hood Country club and visits to the weavery and doll museum. Several members have threatened to play golf and take a dip in the Welches' pool, according to Mrs. Kent.

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Girl Scouts Set Court of Awards

The annual court of awards for Girl Scouts in the Gresham area will be held Friday, May 31, at 7:30 p.m. at the West Gresham school.

Brownie and Intermediate Girl Scout Troops taking part in this event are from the following schools: North, West and East Gresham; Powell Valley; West and East Orient; Sandy; Boring; Damascus and Bonneville.

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