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EASTER JOY

THE JOY AND HOPE OF EASTER

By The REV. WALTER B. CROWELL
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We gather in our churches on Easter Sunday for one purpose—to celebrate the fact "Christ the Lord is risen." Whatever the nature of Christ's resurrection was, the fact is that Christ conquered death. Easter is the celebration of that glorious victory.

This is an event that we celebrate every Sunday in our churches. Would you be surprised, if on a certain Sunday in October, you would find yourself singing in one of your worship services, "Christ the Lord is Risen Today! Alleluia!"? Perhaps many would think that the organist by mistake had turned to the wrong page, or the minister's secretary had selected the wrong number for the order of service.

But why? Have we forgotten that as Christians we gather for worship on Sunday, rather than on Saturday, because it was on the first day of the week that the discovery of Christ's victory over death was made. Every Sunday is a celebration of what Easter declares. Without this fact there never could have been a Christian church. If the story had ended on Good Friday with the crucifixion, none of us would be Christians today.

Bishop G. Ashton Oldham once said that "the stone was moved not to let Jesus out but to let the disciples in."

This may well be the truth, for the open tomb let the disciples enter into the glory of a new faith. They came expecting to find a dead Jesus; they were met with the revelation of a risen Lord. They came in the depth of despair; they left radiant with hope. They came in fear; they left with courage.

The best Christians will be in church on Easter Sunday not to see the flowers, or to hear the music, or even to hear a sermon. They will be there to seek a living presence. They will seek one who can make life more meaningful; one who can put purpose and significance and faith into life. We need someone who can give us hope for our confused, bewildered and divided world. This was at the heart of the Easter message.

John, the author of the last book in the New Testament, was writing about the risen Christ.

He said, "When I saw him, I fell at his feet as though dead. But he laid his right hand upon me, saying, 'Fear not, I am the first and the last, and the living one; I died, and behold I am alive for evermore, and I have the keys of Death and Hades.'" Rev. 1:17, 18.

J. B. Phillips in his translation makes this last to read, "I hold in my hand the keys of death and the grave."

The risen Christ spoke to John in his prison camp, "Fear not to live—I am the living One."

Our fear-filled age needs this message now more than ever before. We need the assurance that beside us, and within us, is the Divine Presence with wisdom to guide us, strength to protect us, and love to keep us to the end. All the way from the Upper Room in Jerusalem down to our day there has been an unbroken succession of men and women for whom Christ is not merely an immortal memory but an abiding presence and an unfailing source of power.

The living Christ then said to John, his suffering servant, "Fear not to die—I died, and behold, I am alive forevermore."

The risen Christ speaks these gracious words from the other side of the grave to confirm what he told his disciples while he was with them in the flesh, "Let not your heart be troubled, you believe in God believe also in me."

What happened to Jesus is our hope. What happened to his followers is our great assurance. They saw in the resurrection of Christ the certainty of their own resurrection. This helped them to remember and rely on his promises, "That where I am you may be also," and "Because I live, you will live also." Their faith in his promises enabled them to say, "O death, where is thy sting? O grave, where is thy victory? Thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ." The Holy Spirit, God in their hearts, gave them power to live and trust in "Jesus Christ, who abolished death and brought life and immortality to light through the Gospel."

Finally, the living risen Christ said to his trusting servant, "Fear not what comes after death—I hold in my hand the keys of death and the grave."

Those who know the true meaning of Easter will say, "Nothing can separate me from the love of Christ, neither death," nor any other calamity. We need have no fear of what comes after the grave provided we have allowed Christ to be our Savior and Lord while living, for he says, "I have the keys of death and the grave."

It is good to know that truth cannot be entombed; it is encouraging to realize that believers cannot be excluded from what lies beyond the stone. Evil may seal the hopes of mankind in some grave, but God always has the last word. When God enters life, stones are rolled away. The account says, "the guards trembled." Of course they did. Man cannot defeat God. The moral order of the universe can be a frightening thing. But to all who believe, it is the ground for hope.

On this Easter Sunday the church should gratefully recall how "for us and our salvation Christ was crucified, dead and buried." But on the third day He arose victorious over the forces of darkness and the powers of evil. And now he carries the keys, "is King of Kings and Lord of Lords," the "First and the Last and the Living One."

PRAYER—O God of Life Eternal, we thank thee for the Easter message of triumph over sin and death. Thou didst raise up Jesus from the dead. Thou has declared him to be the Son of God with power by the resurrection from the dead. Confirm us in this, the faith of our fathers, and in all the everlasting hopes that have risen in the human heart. May Christ the Lord who triumphed over death make us conquer every evil. As at that Easter dawn long ago he appeared to the disciples with the benediction of peace so may he appear to us and to our world. Amen.

Mrs. Lavelle Dick, Gary and Diane of Corvallis, arrived on Saturday for a visit with her son, Daryl, and her parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. G. Pipeer. Mrs. Dick returned the following day, accompanied by Portland by Larry Holladay who had spent his spring vacation with his grandparents, the Piepers. Mrs. Pieper will return Diane and Gary to Corvallis Sunday, at the end of their spring vacation.

Mrs. Mike Whitesmith, Rodney and Terri, of Hood River, were guests from Monday until Thursday of last week at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Don Bennett and family. The family visited here while Mr. Whitesmith attended a district Penney manager's meeting in Yakima. They are getting settled at their new home at 401 June Street, Hood River, and enjoy the new location.

Chaff and Chatter

Wes Sherman

AN INTERESTING coincidence exists between two princesses who have just been chosen for the 1964 Morrow County Fair and Rodeo court. Final selections for the court are complete, and two of the princesses are Dewena West, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Dewey West of Boardman, representing the Tillicum club, and Terryl (Tag) Greenup, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Don Greenup of Heppner, representing the Lena community.

The coincidence is that Dewena and Tag were born on the same day in the same hospital in Pendleton, 16 years ago last October 28. In calling Mrs. West about her daughters' selection Wednesday, we mentioned the names of the other princesses. When she heard that Terryl was selected, she told us of the coincidence.

Then when we called Mrs. Greenup at the other end of the county and mentioned that Dewena was a princess, she also exclaimed about the coincidence. Apparently Mrs. West and Mrs. Greenup have scarcely seen each other since the occasion in the Pendleton hospital, but they will have lots of opportunity to renew acquaintances at rodeo time.

AS ANOTHER story in this paper reports, the State of Oregon has not elected a justice to the state Supreme Court from Eastern Oregon for more than 50 years. But this year, Circuit Judge Edward Howell of John Day is making a real strong bid for position No. 7 on the Supreme Court bench.

He is opposed by three others for the position all from the western part of the state, and hopes to get strong support from voters in the east. Oregon Judge Howell visited in Heppner Wednesday in the interest of his candidacy. His judicial experience is broad because he has been called upon to preside in court at various times in 28 of Oregon's 36 counties. When circuit court dockets get overloaded in more populous areas, other circuit judges from less-populated parts of the state are called in to preside in part of their cases. Judge Howell has been called upon in this capacity so often that he estimates he has traveled more than 240,000 miles to fill these court assignments. Judge Howell, member of the Oregon Bar for 23 years, served as Supreme Court justice from 1960 and 1961.

The funniest thing happened to him recently in Los Angeles. He had taken a trip down there and was standing on a street corner when an officer came up and questioned him as a suspect in an armed robbery.

It finally got to the place where the judge was called upon to identify himself. When he told the officer he was a circuit judge in Oregon, similar to a judge of Superior Court in the State of California, the cop thought he was hearing a real cock and bull story.

When it came to light that Judge Howell was telling the truth, the officer wasn't a bit abashed, apparently feeling that he saw his duty and he "done" it.

AFTER LAST week's story about his rescuing a pupil who got his finger stuck in a classroom desk, Nate McBride has been receiving fan mail. One letter came from Portland, dated March 21, quote:

"Having read the article, and seen the picture of your heroic rescue in the recent issue of the Gazette-Times; I would like the opportunity of both congratulating, and complimenting you for the apparent calmness, and composure, that you are able to maintain during an emergency major surgery. Especially in view of the fact that the case had been given up by another very fine doctor.

"Should you decide to make a television appearance there is little reason to doubt that your following would be far greater than that of Kildare, and your success should be much better than that of a few years back when you played the role of Nate the Mohawkier at your local show house. Again my congratulations, an ardent admirer, Miss Fanny Brown."

Well, Nate still hasn't decided which one of his fine ribbing friends went to the trouble of sending that letter (or taking it) to Portland to have it mailed from there, but he gets a big laugh out of it just the same. Meanwhile, he's known locally as "Nate of Rescue 8."

SEQUEL to last week's pigeon story: Haskell Sharrard finally, via his short wave radio, tracked down the owner of the homing pigeon from Salem that was found by Bill Gentry near the mill here. It was a young bird that hadn't quite got its radar apparatus matured yet and lost its way on a flight. The owner told Gentry to keep it. So that is apparently what is being done.

GOING ON in certain Eastern Oregon newspapers recently is a feud between editors over whose county has the best chukar hunting. Principal participants are Connie Johnson of the Blue Mountain Eagle, John Day, who sings the praises of Grant county and Bill Jenkins of the Malheur Enterprise, Vale, who waves the banner for Malheur.

And now sallies forth Dwight Hinshaw of the Burns Times-

Herald who stolidly declares, "There are more chukars in Harney county than in both Malheur and Grant counties combined!"

We won't get into the argument. We will just sit silently by in this real Utopia of chukar hunting in Morrow county and watch them fight over the feathers, being careful to keep our screen door closed so that the local over-population of chukars doesn't swarm in and overrun our office.

Entry of Dwight into the controversy reminds us of the story of the mental patient in an institution who got such a charge out of watching two other patients argue over who was the real Napoleon. He knew, of course, that neither of the other guys was Napoleon because he was Bonaparte himself.

TO THE EDITOR...

To the Editor:

"FOOD FOR THOUGHT" Everybody in this area has some stake in the agricultural economy and it is with deep concern that I have viewed the extreme slump in the prices of our two main agricultural crops. Wheat has gone down over 25c a bushel from the year's high and the September futures are selling in Chicago at \$1.59 per bushel, meaning the lowest price locally in years for the 1964 crop. Beef prices for fat animals are at a 20 year low, with the imports of beef at an all time high for the same period of time.

What has the Administration done to correct these faults? NOTHING! While the Democratic Party, which is the majority party, is in absolute control of the White House, the Senate and House of Representatives we have no Farm Bill for 1964. The time for planning is past. The cattle industry which has not asked for a Federal Subsidy has been turned down in its attempts to get legislation to curb beef import as the recent action of the United States Senate clearly indicates.

President L. B. Johnson declares war against poverty and at the same time by his inaction creates poverty in this area. Senator Wayne Morse tries to establish an Indian School at Tongue Point (unsuccessfully). Senator Maurine Neuberger tries to tell tobacco companies what they must print on the cigarette package without success but our Administration controlled by the Democratic Party does nothing to help our agricultural economy. In the meantime as the March winds remind me of the thirties in our country, it is the feeling of the writer that an indictment for non-feance in office should be brought against the majority party.

Very truly yours,
P. W. Mahoney

Dear Sir:

I wonder if you would be kind enough to publish this in the Gazette-Times or assist me in some other way in a quest for data concerning a famous baseball player of the long ago.

George Bechtel was one of the earliest of professional players, and is believed to have been born in Philadelphia, Pa. around 1871 to 1876 and is thought to have become a policeman in Philadelphia when his baseball days were over.

I once visited the Philadelphia police department, thinking that their employment records might show if he had been pensioned, so that I might learn the date and place of his death. But they had no record of him available.

Now I have been informed by Leo J. Cianella, of a famous Calif. that Bechtel died in Oregon and is buried in the Arlington cemetery along the Columbia River, but possibly on the Washington side. Apparently a public fund was raised by a newspaperman to provide his grave with a stone. Bechtel is supposed to have ended his days as a bookkeeper for some lumber company.

What I am trying to determine is the date and place of his death, and the names and addresses of any close associates or descendants.

Any help you can give me will be greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,
Lee Allen, Historian
National Baseball Hall of Fame, Inc.
Cooperstown, New York

Change in Dates Of Clinics Told

Immunization clinics scheduled for this week in Morrow county schools have been postponed until Wednesday, April 1. Mrs. Lowell Chally, county health nurse, has announced. Second in the series of clinics was scheduled for this week, but the date was postponed because of the high incidence of influenza and other illnesses, Mrs. Chally said.

Money receipt books in duplicate and triplicate are on sale at the Gazette-Times.



ANITA GROVES (right) of Heppner won runnerup honors in the United Nations Pilgrimage speak-off in Pendleton March 8, and Kristine Young of Helix won first place and a trip to New York City. The contest is sponsored by Odd Fellow and Rebekah Lodges.

One-Shot Roscoe

As Told By
ORVILLE W. CUTSFORTH

(Editor's note: This is another in the series of anecdotes about the late Roscoe Cox, Morrow county outdoorsman, who died last year.)

Old Roscoe was a good cook and clean.

One spring in lambing camp the cook got sick. Roscoe had to cook. He didn't like it, but he cooked.

No one kicked (they didn't dare), except one old pipe smoking grouch, and he belly-ached of the coffee only. Roscoe emptied the two-gallon pot whenever there was no room for coffee, which wasn't often. The grouch claimed he got three cups of coffee in every one.

Well, the grouch lost his pipe and he belly-ached worse than ever. A week later the coffee pot had to be cleaned, and there was the pipe.

The coffee was the same but the pipe was cleaner.

Services Held For Mrs. Boyer

Funeral services for Mrs. Clara Jane Boyer, 77, were Thursday, March 19, at the Driskill Mortuary, John Day, with the Rev. Robert Parlour, St. Thomas Episcopal church, officiating. Mrs. Boyer died March 16 at Blue Mountain hospital, John Day, after a long illness.

She was born in Abilene, Kans., June 3, 1886, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Levi May. Her family moved from Kansas to Woodburn in 1894 and several years later they moved to Sherman county.

Educated in The Dalles schools and at Willamette University where she attended in 1906 and 1907, she came to Morrow county and Heppner to teach school. In 1911 she was married to Guy Boyer at Chico, Calif.

Mrs. Boyer was a resident of Grant county for 30 years and was part owner of Boyer's Furniture store in John Day for 25 years. She was a member of the John Day Methodist church, a member of Julia chapter No. 56 of the Order of Eastern Star for 25 years, and a member of the Grant County Daughters of the Nile. She was also an organizer of the Morrow County Memorial association in Heppner.

She is survived by two sons, Donald Boyer of Mt. Vernon, and Phillip Boyer of John Day; a daughter, Mrs. Harry Moody of Belmont, Calif.; five grandchildren, Martha Boyer, and Douglas, Donald, Marla and Paul Moody; two brothers, Col. T. E. May of Carmel, Calif., and Wallace May of Grass Valley; a sister, Mrs. A. E. Brandt of Gainesville, Fla.; and a sister, Mrs. Grace Zevely of Moro.

Anita Groves Wins Second in Contest

Anita Groves, Heppner High school junior and daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Maurice Groves, was runnerup in the annual United Nations Pilgrimage essay speak-off that was held in the Pendleton IOOF hall March 8.

Winner of the pilgrimage was Kristine Young, junior at Griswold High school in Helix. She will take a trip to the United Nations in New York this summer as a prize for her achievement with Anita as alternate in case Kristine cannot go.

Eight contestants from as many schools participated in the speak-off with the subject being, "Why High School Students Should Be Concerened with the United Nations."

The Pilgrimage contest is sponsored by Odd Fellows and Rebekah lodges. Judges were from the faculty of Blue Mountain Community College, Pendleton.

Heppner Odd Fellows and Rebekahs are prominent backers of this project. Among those attending from local lodges were Mrs. M. N. Kirk, Hermiton, chairman; Mr. and Mrs. R. G. (Pete) McMurtry, Mr. and Mrs. Lincoln Nash, Mrs. O. M. Scott and Mrs. Earl Eskelson.

COMMUNITY BILLBOARD

Coming Events

BAKED FOODS SALE
Friday, March 27, 11:00 a.m.
Sponsored by Rhea Creek Extension Unit.
Red and White Grocery.

BETTER DRESS WORKSHOP
Second meeting, March 30, 9:30 a.m.
Lexington School (upstairs).
Mrs. Beulah Hynd, instructor.

GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE
Hope Lutheran church, continuous, 12:30 to 3:20 p.m.
All denominations invited.

EASTER EGG HUNT
Saturday, March 28, 10 a.m.
City Park, Courthouse lawn, Fairgrounds. For pre-school ages through 6th grade.

EASTER MONDAY CARD PARTY
Episcopal Parish Hall.
Dessert—Bridge—Pinochle
Monday, March 30, 8:00 p.m.

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