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**MEMORIAL DAY**

May 30 is the most beautiful and sacred of our national holidays. It is a day of dignified addresses, exercises, parades and military salutes as well as strewing flowers on the graves of soldiers.

Originating from the custom of bereaved Southern women of setting aside one day a year in which they laid flowers on the graves of the soldiers who had lost their lives in the Civil war, Memorial Day was decreed a holiday in 1868 by the commander of the Grand Army of the Republic. In most states it is a legal holiday, set aside to do honor not only to those who gave their lives in the Civil war, but in the Spanish-American and World wars as well.

Most of the northern states celebrate May 30 as Memorial Day. In Alabama, Florida, Mississippi and Georgia, April 26 is observed. May 10 is set aside in North and South Carolina.

Since 1919, Memorial Day has acquired an international significance. It is now observed in England and France wherever American soldiers are buried.

The purpose of the day has enlarged from its first inauguration until it is now no longer a day for merely laying flowers on the graves of soldiers, but has become an occasion for personal and family commemoration as well. Wherever Memorial Day is observed, people pause each year to do honor to the memory of loved ones.

**THE DEADLY AUTOMOBILE**

The cost to the people of the United States of automobile accidents in 1929 was more than \$850,000,000, according to the chairman of the traffic statistics of the National Street and Highway Safety Conference. Mr. J. H. Parmalee, whose authority we quote, states that 33,060 persons were killed in motor accidents last year, an increase of 8 per cent over 1928 and nearly double the number of deaths from that cause in 1920. And so far in 1930 the rate of fatalities is increasing.

These fatal accidents are not a peculiarity of any particular section or of any class or size of community. On the whole, there are fewer of them in the large cities than in the country districts, in proportion to population. The temptation to careless driving when out of sight of a traffic policeman, with no signal lights to be obeyed, is much greater than in crowded traffic, as every motorist knows.

Statistics compiled by the Nebraska State Press Association for 1929 show that in that state, where population is less concentrated than in almost all of the rest of the states and there are only two or three really large population centers, there were 378 motor fatalities last year, besides 123 persons disabled, in 3,636 automobile accidents.

Every victim of a motor accident is a victim of somebody's carelessness. Out of the total number of accidents in Nebraska last year by far the most were collisions between two cars. There is never any possible reason for a collision except carelessness on the part of one driver or both. Sixty-three of the dead in Nebraska were pedestrians, struck by cars. Thirty-nine deaths of motorists trying to beat a train across a railroad crossing. Twenty-six were killed while speeding. Twenty-four died in skidding accidents. Twelve deaths resulted from trying to pass another car, without swinging wide enough. Blinding headlights forced 127 cars off the road, killing ten persons. Twelve were killed by reckless driving.

The remedy of this increasing toll of death on the highway is partly in improving the roads, eliminating blind curves and dangerous crossings, but mainly in a closer supervision of licenses to drivers. Today in a few states children, mental incompetents and irresponsible persons are forbidden to endanger the lives of other by driving cars. In most states, however, anybody may commit manslaughter by this means without restraint.

**LOCAL CANNERY IS ASSET**

The Auxiliary cannery recently installed is already proving to be a real asset to the community. The surplus of asparagus on the project has been taken care of by the cannery and much produce of the farms will be processed this summer. Additional equipment has been installed to lessen the labor and a second order for containers has been received lately.

Financially we're sound, and there will be another issue of the Herald next Thursday—two readers sent in their checks for subscription this week.

**WE'D ALL LIKE TO LEARN THIS**

The office boy entered the sanctum of the small-town newspaper and said: "Say, boss, there's a tramp outside who says he hasn't had anything to eat for six days." "Bring him in," said the editor. "If we can find out how he does it, we can run this paper another week."

Two men of Hebrew extraction were walking down the street on a cold morning. One said, "Vy dun you say somding?" "Vell," replied the other, "vy dun you freeze your own hands?"—Pill Box.

She: "I would like to get into the movies."  
 Producer: "Well, well. Sit right down and take off your things."

**LEGION AUXILIARY HOLDS MEETING THURS., MAY 22**

The Legion Auxiliary held their regular meeting Thursday evening, May 22, in their club rooms. During the business meeting Mrs. B. S. Kingsley was elected a member of the executive committee in Mrs. Waterman's place. Plans were made and have been carried out for the washing of all windows in the club room and new curtains are being made to put up.

**CHURCH NOTES**

**Baptist-Christian Church.**  
 The schedule for services at the Baptist-Christian church for Sunday, June 1, is as follows: Sunday school at 10 A. M. Preaching at 11 o'clock by Rev. C. S. Treadwell. Christian Endeavor at 7 P. M. Preaching at 8 P. M.

**CHRISTIAN SCIENCE CHURCHES**

"Soul and Body" was the subject of the Lesson-Sermon in all Churches of Christ, Scientist, on Sunday, May 25.  
 The Golden Text was, "My flesh and my heart faileth; but God is the strength of my heart, and my portion forever" (Ps. 73:26).  
 Among the citations which comprised the Lesson-Sermon was the following from the Bible: "The flesh lusteth against the Spirit, and the Spirit against the flesh; and these are contrary the one to the other; so that ye cannot do the things that ye would" (Gal 5:17).  
 The Lesson-Sermon also included the following passages from the Christian Science textbook, "Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures," by Mary Baker Eddy: "The flesh and Spirit can no more unite in action, than good can coincide with evil. It is not wise to take a halting and half-way position or to expect to work equally with Spirit and matter, Truth and error. . . . The scientific government of the body must be attained through the divine Mind. It is impossible to gain control over the body in any other way" (p. 167).

**M. E. Church**  
 You are cordially invited to the services at the Methodist church next Sunday. The Sunday school convenes at 10 A. M. and there is a class with a vacant chair for you. Will you fill it please? Then at the 11 o'clock hour the regular morning worship. We are trying in the very best way we know how to make it a real service of worship and not only a name. If you will come and help us maybe by your suggestions we may be able to improve upon them. Surely by your presence we can make them better. For it is a well known fact that we either influence folks with whom we come in contact or we are influenced by them.

We mean that you are welcome to these services and not only that we are honest in saying that we want you at the services. O. W. Payne, pastor.

**UMATILLA ITEMS**

Claude Talley of Kennewick stopped at the Umatilla pharmacy Tuesday of last week on his way to Portland.

Miss Dora Reeves is visiting at the home of her aunt and uncle, Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Sturgill in Richland, Oregon.

Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Crisman have moved into Mr. and Mrs. H. Carlyle's home.

Bernadine Lash is visiting with friends in The Dalles.

Mrs. Brammer spent Friday in The Dalles with her husband who is in the hospital there. She reports that Mr. Brammer is much improved.

Mr. Harold Buhman and Miss Lorine Lash motored to Heppner Friday. Mr. Buhman has recently purchased a Buick sedan.

E. McNabb took his son Raymond back to the doctor in Portland Friday after the bullet wound in his hip broke out. As yet it is not certain whether another operation will be necessary or not though it is suspected that it will be.

R. L. Tippie is spending a few days at his home here after working as electrician in a logging camp. He expects to return to work Thursday.

Dwight Mahoney spent Friday and Saturday in Portland.

Verna and Louise Byrnes who spent last week in Touchet, Washington, returned to their home Friday night.

Ben Spencer and Roy Hanson spent Friday fishing near Thorn-

hollow.

Mrs. Markham of Pendleton spent a few days last week with her sister, Mrs. Jay Berry, returning to her home Saturday morning.

Mr. and Mrs. Vivian Martin and Mr. and Mrs. Erwin Chapman spent Saturday and Sunday fishing in Desolation creek.

iting Mr. Gardiner's people in Palmer, Idaho.

Umatilla played the mission Indians in Pendleton Sunday and won 3 to 0.

Mr. and Mrs. McDonough left Tuesday morning for Yakima where they will make their home.

Phyllis and Georgia Long who have been visiting their aunt Mrs. J. W. Connell, have returned to their home in Ione.

Mr. Buhman left Sunday for his home in Camas.

Miss Gladys Connell is visiting in Heppner.

Mr. and Mrs. H. Ferring have moved into the house formerly oc-

cupied by Mrs. Theresa Bullard, who is now occupying the house where Mr. and Mrs. Ferring formerly lived. Mrs. Fred Hanson who spent some time visiting with her mother in Touchet, returned to her home Wednesday night.



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