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Under the Sod and Dew They Wait
We will soon observe Memorial Day again. As our nation grows older the shrines of our fallen soldiers grow more numerous, and, as we are engaged in the greatest of all wars the solemnity of the day grows heavier.

There are certain things about this Memorial day that we cannot fathom. Until this war we thought we had fought a war to end all wars; that our freedom had been established by the blood of our forefathers; that liberty was securely enthroned and that our great democracy was entrenched beyond all dangers. We felt that no more would our sons be called to die for the preservation of our sacred rights.

How badly we were mistaken. Before Pearl Harbor how little we thought that our memorial services this year would include thousands of newly fallen heroes, and flowers for thousands of fresh wounds for the same old cause of freedom. We felt

so safe that we could not vision the terrible carnage that has been visited on our modern civilization.

Are we any wiser now? Will we be wiser when this dark curtain of history is dropped on the hellish drama? Will this require a great struggle in the soul of democracy? We trust that the punishment for complacency and lack of vigilance, and failure to realize the importance of our American way of life is to us and to the rest of the world under our form of government, will be sufficient for centuries. We hope that wisdom will grow more and more from the sacred ashes of our war dead who gave their last full measure that we might be free, and true to the deep principles of democratic form of government.

When we conduct our memorial services let us be humbled by the thought that what we do is so small in comparison to what they did and are doing now every day on our far flung battlefronts. Under the sod and the dew our million heroes wait for us to do our duty in Freedom's name.

ECHO NEWS ITEMS

Less than 50 per cent of the registered vote was cast at the primary election in Echo precinct. Of the 121 voters who went to the polls, 82 were republican and 39 democrats. Dewey received 23 write-in votes for president and Warren headed the field for vice president on the republican ticket. One lone republican wrote in Roosevelt for president and Wallace for vice president. Holman lead Morse 52 to 20, and Cordon was 6 votes ahead of Sprague.

Mrs. Donald Grossmiller and Mrs. William Gornell were hostesses at a stork shower Saturday evening at the

home of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Middleton honoring Mrs. Charles Hibbard (Marion Luciani). Thirty-five guests were present. Refreshments were served.

Mr. and Mrs. Troy Coleman entertained a number of young people at dinner at their home in Stage Gulch Saturday evening, honoring their son Blair, who left Sunday evening for Camp Hahn, Riverside, Calif. Blair planned to spend a short time in Salt Lake City visiting Charles Fitch, his old radio pal.

Mrs. Gene Hanby (Shirley Jarmon), Miss Alice Molton and Mrs. Wes Blessing were here this week for a short visit with relatives. Mrs. Hanby, who visited at the Sloan Thomason home, left Wednesday for Philadelphia for an indefinite visit with her husband, who is an instructor in the navy department.

Barney Doherty shipped a band of sheep Sunday to summer range in the Wallowa district and another band Wednesday.

Echo's municipal showhouse, which has been closed for several months, opened Saturday under the management of A. Hackbarth. Shows will be given weekly on Saturday and Sunday evenings.

Warren M. Carter, former school superintendent of schools at Joseph, who will head the Echo school system next year, was in town Tuesday. He has rented the house now occupied by M. E. Larive and will bring his family here later in the summer.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Burks have moved from the Tum-A-Lum building to one of the Bard cottages in the east part of town.

Elmer H. Schmidt, local station agent, is in Spokane for a few days, where he will take his physical examination in selective service. G. H. Frederick is substituting as agent during his absence, and Miss Josephine Grubaugh of Ordinance is on the night shift as operator.

Out of town relatives and friends of Mrs. Flora Bell Malcolm who were here for her funeral Thursday were Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Malcolm and son Robert of The Dalles; Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Singer of Waitsburg, Wn.; Mr. and Mrs. Fred Singer of Walla Walla; Delbert Malcolm and daughter Barbara Ann of Pendleton; Mrs. Fred Earl of Mission; Mr. and Mrs. James Stonesipher of Waitsburg; Mr. and Mrs. L. Piper of Dixie, Wn.; Mrs. J. S. Greenlay, Dr. Lina Staats and daughter, Mrs. Ray Payne, all of Pendleton, and Mrs. Gilbert Thomas of Hermiston. Rev. Earl B. Cotton officiated at the church service, and Mrs. F. C. Chastain and Roy Smith sang. A Rebekah service was held at the cemetery by Henrietta Rebekah lodge. Pallbearers were Walter Wiglesworth, Gaylord Madison, Will Reeves, Claude Stamper, John Romondo and Lonzo Graves.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Bartholomew, who spent a week at St. Martin Springs, Wn., returned home this week. Mrs. William McCarty returned with them from The Dalles and brought her grandchildren, Billy Young and James Roberts for an extended visit at the McCarty ranch on Butter Creek.

F. J. Irvine observed his 60th birthday with Mrs. Irvine on Mother's Day at the Pendleton home of their granddaughter, Mrs. Howard Shepard. Others present were their daughter, Mrs. Alma Howard of LaGrande, Mrs. Irvine Howard of Pendleton and Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Helmick of Echo. An especially enjoyable feature of the event was the receipt of letters from their grandsons, Irvine Howard and John Wiglesworth, who are in service overseas. Irvine is in New Guinea, where he says it rains all the time, and John is in England, a country that reminds him of the Willamette valley, but he would be happy to have both feet on Echo soil right now.

Eight seniors of Echo high school received diplomas at commencement exercises Thursday night. Awards were made to Jerry Crow and Dorothy Madison as the most representative students, the latter receiving a scholarship at Eastern Oregon College of Education. Scholastic awards were made to Leon Reese, valedictorian, Bob Meechan, salutatorian, and Dean Robertson. A scholarship to Oregon State college was awarded to Robertson and one to Pacific University went to Reese. Other members of the senior class are Johnny Correa, Russel Graham and Sue Graves.

The Rev. Eric O. Robathan of Pendleton delivered an address on "The American Way of Life". Music for the program was provided by the girls' sextette and Roy Smith sang a solo.

Members of the eighth grade graduating class are Mark Cotton, Charles Daly, Bobby Hale, Dean Rohde, Annabel Vohs and Bessie Young.

Mrs. Lester Oehler of Corvallis and Mrs. Stephen Spike of Portland are visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Carl Weltzin and with other relatives in this vicinity.

Seaman 2nd class Raymond Attebury, who has been home on a furlough for the past week, left Saturday for San Pedro, Calif. He is assigned to a navy repair ship which is soon to go into active service.

Marion Mathers of Salem and three children and his mother, Mrs. Lena Mathers, who were here to attend the commencement exercises and visit relatives, will return home the last of this week.

Pfc. Blair Coleman will leave Sunday for Camp Hahn, Riverside, Calif., after spending a furlough here with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Troy Coleman. He will go to California by way of Salt Lake City.

Mrs. Maudie Coppinger, who has been visiting her son, Homer Coppinger at his farm east of Echo, left for Seattle Tuesday on receiving word of the serious injury of her grandson, Reginald, in an auto accident. According to the phone message the young man, son of Mr. and Mrs. Hoyt Coppinger, suffered a skull fracture and badly mutilated face in the accident.

Jack Pearson, son of Mr. and Mrs. E. P. Pearson, was in Echo Thursday to attend commencement exercises. He is now a member of the merchant marine.

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H. V. McGee, pastor
Church School, 10:00 a. m.
Morning worship, 11:00 a. m. Sermon topic, "The Messenger's Question."
Baptist Youth Fellowship, 7:00 p. m.
Evening worship at 8 o'clock. Ser-

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