



In The

By FRANK JENKINS

I often wonder if the spirit of Memorial Day has ever been better expressed than in this stanza from Walt Mason's poem 'The Little Green Tents':

The little green tents where the soldiers sleep and the sunbeams play and the women weep are covered with flowers today.

Walt Mason isn't such-a-much in the annals of literature. He was a humorist and a writer of doggerel verse, much of it pitched in the slang of his time. He was among the early ones of the tribe that we now call "syndicated" writers. But he has a gift of vivid expression and he used it to the full in the Little Green Tents.

Dig up a copy of it and read it some day. It will do you good.

Walt Mason was born in 1862. That means he was six years old when in 1868 General John A. Logan, then commander in chief of the Grand Army of the Republic, named May 30 as a special day for honoring the graves of Union soldiers. By that time Memorial Day had become widely established, young Mason was a lad in his teens. As such, he couldn't have helped being deeply moved by Memorial Day as it was then observed.

In that long-distant day, the automobile not only hadn't been invented, it hadn't been even dreamed of. There was no National Safety Council to make predictions of how many people would die violently over the holiday. Few people did die violently then. Memorial Day wasn't regarded as a holiday. It was a day of solemn mourning and equally solemn DEDICATION.

Instead of whizzing over crowded highways toward some greener spot on the other side of the hill, people got up and did their chores and then they went to the cemetery. At the cemetery, they placed flowers on the graves of their own dead (in those days there was hardly a family without Civil War dead) and then they scattered flowers on the graves of their neighbors' dead.

In a little while, the little green tents were transformed into mounds of flowers. After that, people went down to Main street and watched the veterans of the Great War as they marched in solemn procession slowly home. Then they went slowly home, in a quiet, solemn, DEDICATED mood.

While Memorial Day was officially established to honor the graves of Union soldiers, it originated in the South, where Southern women scattered spring flowers on the graves of the Southern dead and at the same time scattered flowers impartially on the graves of Northern dead who were buried in the South.

Those were strange days, filled with strange and mixed emotions. Those Northern boys who slept beneath the little green tents in the soil of the South had FOUGHT the sons and the husbands and the brothers of the Southern women who scattered flowers on their graves after the great conflict had ended. But that didn't prevent the scattering of flowers on their graves by the women of the South. There has been a great deal of TOLERANCE in our country then.

That spirit of tolerance was in the mind of President Lincoln when on November 19, 1863, with the Great War still raging, he said in his immortal Gettysburg address: "The brave men, living and dead, who struggled here, have consecrated this ground far above our poor power to add or detract. The world will little note or long remember what we SAY here, but it can never forget what they DID here."

"It is rather for us to be here dedicated to the great task remaining before us; that from these honored dead we take increased devotion to that cause for which they gave the last full measure of devotion. That this nation, under God, shall have a new birth of freedom, and that government of the people, by the people, for the people, shall not perish from the earth."

Let's make up comparisons between Memorial Day as it is now observed and Memorial Day as it was observed in the beginning. Comparisons, as so many of our great thinkers have pointed out, are odious. But in this period when liberty is again hanging in the balance, we need more of the spirit of devotion and dedication that was so strongly stressed in the early observance of Memorial Day and in the grim days out of which Memorial Day arose.

IKE REFUSES TO CAMPAIGN

Roundup Outing Ranch Selected, Gifts Arranged

By WALLACE MYERS
First big event for candidates for this year's Klamath Basin Roundup queen and princesses is scheduled for June 9.

This is the new event added last year... the all-day outing for the girls, their families and guests, with Roundup Association directors playing hosts.

Bill Hammond's "D" Ranch will be the setting this year. Transportation will be provided for the girls, their guests and their horses. Many of the pictures of the annual Herald and News Roundup Edition will be taken during the outing.

Roundup directors are anxious for all girls planning to enter into this year's Roundup fun to sign their queen trials entry blanks as soon as possible. This will ease Roundup Secy. Beth Chase's task of planning food for the June 9 outing.

Entrants may sign up at any one of these three stores: Town Shop, 500 Main; Charlie Read Saddlery, 627 Klamath; Drew's Manstore, 733 Main.

A gay and exciting schedule of events and prizes is being arranged for the Roundup girls this year. Besides the ranch outing, there is to be four or five dances and some special surprises to be announced later.

A big prize and gift list is to be announced within a day or so. Already offered are a diamond studded wrist watch by Rickys, a tailored suede riding outfit by McCormon's Western Dress Shop, engraved silver trophies for the saddle blanket from the Saddle Club, and a special \$100 cash award to give the queen a little extra summer pin money.

A merchant's gift list now being compiled is expected to offer gifts for all the girls.

RE-ENTRIES
The Roundup directors are especially anxious for all of last year's candidates to re-enter this year. Two girls thus far entered, Carol Hamilton and Barbara Jean Anderson, are in for the first time and several other newcomers are expected to file entries.

Queen Margy Brown, last year's beautiful monarch, will play a featured role in this year's event and will crown the new queen at the Queen's Ball.

Girls planning to enter are requested to notify the Herald and News news room in advance so that a reporter and photographer can be on hand for the signing.

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Eight Enemy Prisoners Killed in Koje Battles



FIRST TICKET for the 16th Annual Shrine Crippled Children's dance set for June 7 this year went to John Houston, left. Six-year-old Marvin Graham presents the ticket while twin Melvin, Klamath Falls Shrine Club Pres. Paul Winter and Dance Chairman Stuart Balsiger look on. The Graham twins, sons of Mr. and Mrs. Earl Graham, Klamath Falls, have undergone treatment at the Shrine Children's Hospital in Portland. Both are still being treated there.

Army Says POW Deaths Total 245

By JIM BECKER
KOJE ISLAND, Korea (AP)—Eight Red prisoners were killed and 17 wounded in bloody incidents at United Nations prisoner of war camps on riot-torn Koje Island and on the Korean mainland Thursday and Friday.

Prison camp authorities said no U.N. personnel were killed or wounded in the outbreaks. The killings raised the toll of reported deaths from violence to 245 prisoners. The Army said 113 of these died at the hands of fellow prisoners after drumhead trials in compounds dominated by hard-core Communist POWs.

Four North Korean prisoners were killed and three wounded Friday when a 15-man POW work party attacked two U.S. and two South Korean guards on Koje.

CIVILIANS
Three Korean civilian internees were killed and 13 were injured Thursday in a brawl among captured personnel moved recently from Koje Island's massive prison camp to a new compound at Yongchon, 60 miles north of Pusan, temporary South Korean capital.

One North Korean prisoner was killed and another wounded Thursday by bullets from a U.S. soldier's automatic rifle, fired accidentally during a guard change in Compound 66 on Koje.

The accidental shooting took place two hours after about 100 U.S. and British troops raided the compound, holding 2,700 North Korean officers and 650 enlisted Red orderlies — and destroyed their headquarters and dispensary slacks.

The U.N. guard troops went in with fixed bayonets. They used tear gas bombs but fired no shots. There were no casualties. Koje authorities said the four North Koreans killed Thursday died after one member of their work party attacked a U.N. guard during a rest period.

SELF DEFENSE
An official Army statement said "in self-defense the guard opened fire on his assailant and killed him. In the fracas one other POW was killed and five were wounded. Two of the wounded died later at the hospital. No Americans were hurt."

Maj. Gen. A. J. H. Cassels, commander of the First Commonwealth division, visited British and Canadian troops on Koje Friday for three hours and reported they "seemed to appreciate" their assignment.

Monday Canadian Foreign Minister Lester Pearson said in Ottawa that the Canadian government had expressed displeasure and concern to the U. S. State Department over assignment of a Canadian unit to Koje without Canadian government approval.

Cassels toured the 17 compounds on Koje where 80,000 Communist-dominated POWs are held and conferred with the new camp commander, Brig. Gen. Hayden L. Boatner.

A spokesman said Boatner told Cassels how he planned to use Commonwealth soldiers assigned to guard duty here, but the plans were not divulged.

Four Hurt In Klamath Car Wrecks

Four persons were injured in automobile accidents in distant parts of Klamath County Thursday night.

In Klamath Valley Hospital is O. P. Palmerton, 66, of Rogue River, who was injured when his GMC panel truck rolled over on Oregon 66 between Beatty and Bly.

He was brought to the hospital by Kaler's ambulance. Hospital attendants this morning listed his condition as only fair. Palmerton was reported to have severe head and facial injuries. He was just semi-conscious.

COUPLE INJURED
A Eugene couple, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Adkins, miraculously escaped death when a truck almost ran over their car on Oregon 84 three miles east of Creswell Lodge. They were taken to Eugene's Sacred Heart Hospital.

State Police at Gilchrist, investigating the accident, said the Adkins car was traveling east, followed by a big transport truck-trailer owned by Pacific Coast Motor Freight, Portland.

The driver was Chester A. Nickerson of Beaverton. Adkins apparently started to make a left turn of the highway onto the Crescent cutoff road just as the truck pulled out to pass. The big truck hit the car broadside on the driver's side.

The truck bumper plowed inside the car and the vehicle hung up. The truck skidded on another 200 feet and overturned in a ditch.

Adkins, 25, was still in the car when State Police arrived but his wife, Patricia, 22, had been thrown out. Kaler's ambulance took the couple on to the Eugene hospital where this morning he was reported in good condition, although suffering several rib breaks.

CRITICAL
Hospital attendants said Patricia Adkins' condition was critical, that she may have a fractured skull. She was unconscious when taken to the hospital.

Albert Chester Gould, Medford, an employee of Weyerhaeuser Camp 11, wrecked a pickup truck on Oregon 62 last night and received emergency treatment at Klamath Agency before being taken on to Medford by friends.

Weather

FORECAST—Klamath Falls and vicinity and Northern California: Sunny Friday and Saturday. High today 75, low tonight 49. High tomorrow 78. High temp yesterday 70. Low last night 44. Precip yesterday 0. Since Oct. 1 15.17. Same period last yr 14.84.

(Additional Weather on Page 3.)

Strike Ended By Convicts

TRENTON, N. J. (AP)—Nine New Jersey state prison convicts who ended a 22-hour sitdown strike Thursday in protest over parole policies are defying authorities again Friday.

Warden William Carty said the men won several concessions they demanded and apparently were satisfied when they quit a prison hearing room for supper between 3 and 4 p.m. Thursday.

Instead of returning to their cells, however, they entered a small room near the center of the prison and launched a second sitdown strike, Carty said. "I don't know what they want now," a spokesman for the prison said.

Carty, who declined to use force to eject the nine holdouts from the hearing room during the first sitdown, said he talked to them at 1 a.m. Friday but got nowhere and left.

A prison spokesman said the nine strikers out of the room at 8 a.m. had breakfast with the rest of the inmates and returned to the room again with no interference from guards. It is not the same room they used for their first holdout.

Sports Bulletins

RUTTMAN WINS
INDIANAPOLIS (AP)—Troy Ruttman won the 500-mile motor derby at the Indianapolis speedway today.

Bill Vukovich cracked up his car with only 22 and one-half miles to go while in front and after leading for most of the race. Vukovich walked away from his crack-up and apparently was not seriously injured.

AMERICANS WIN
PRESTWICK, Scotland (AP)—Frank Stranahan of Toledo, Ohio, and Harvie Ward of Tarboro, N. C., scored double victories Friday to gain an all-America final in the British Amateur Golf Championship.

CYCLIST KILLED
PORTLAND (AP)—Motorcycle accident injuries caused the death in a hospital Thursday of Miss Ben Park, 24, Portland. The accident occurred in suburban Portland Monday.

Shrine Dance Set June 7

The 16th annual Shrine Crippled Children's dance is slated for the Klamath Armory June 7 under the sponsorship of the Klamath Falls Shrine Club, and tickets are available from any club member or at the Kellstrom Insurance Adjustment office.

The first ticket was sold to John Houston. Benefits from the dance will go to the Shrine Hospital for Underprivileged Children at Portland where work is carried on for small children more than anyone else.

Paul Winter is president of the Shrine Club here, and S. R. Balsiger is chairman of the event. Dance tickets go 100 per cent to charity and are tax free.

Fall Believed Death Cause

A white man who apparently fell from a Southern Pacific freight train near Macdoel, Thursday morning died at the Dorris Hospital later in the day.

He was identified as Cleo Delaney, about 40, a transient from Pooleville, Tex. The man is believed to have been riding on a flat car on a north-bound freight and somehow fell off under the wheels.

His right leg was severed and the left leg almost cut off when found. A Negro, identified as Besthon McDaniels, 35, of New Orleans, was taken off a freight here Thursday and booked at the County Jail for vagrancy and to be questioned by Siskiyou County authorities regarding Delaney's fall off the train.

Delaney was believed to have been drinking and fighting on the train with another man before he fell.

Pioneer Basin Woman Dies

Mrs. Gertrude Pittman Lawton, long-time resident of Fort Klamath died Thursday at Ashland. She was the wife of Dennison F. Lawton, former Fort Klamath rancher.

Five Perish In Home Fire

ANCHORAGE, Alaska (AP)—Four small children and the mother of two of them died in a fire which destroyed their home about six miles southeast of here Thursday.

Dead were Mrs. William McLean, 27, her two children, Barbara Jo, 2, Tommy, nine months, and Eddie Null, 7, and Tommy Ray Null, 5. Allison Null, mother of two of the five victims; Bobby Null, 2, and Mrs. Calvin Coe, sister-in-law of the dead woman, were in Providence Hospital here suffering from burns and shock.

William McLean, who lost his wife and two children in the fire; Ed Null, whose two children also died; and Calvin Coe, husband of one of the injured women, were treated for shock and released.

The three families were living on a homestead in a three-room Jamesway-type hut in which the five died, a tenthouse which caught fire from the hut, a trailer house and a cabin.

The Null children were sleeping in the hut with the McLeans because the trailer house was too small.

Small Crowd For Memorial

A light Memorial Day crowd viewed memorial parade and services here this morning, climaxed with a salute to the dead by the National Guard firing squad and the playing of taps at the Memorial Shaft on the courthouse grounds.

Included in the parade was the happy new American Legion Drum and Bugle Corps, several floats and marching organizations. A flight of KASRU planes flew in formation over town during the march.

Rev. Lleyd Holloway spoke before a crowd of about 500 at the Memorial shaft on the theme "These dead have not died in vain." Dick Maguire was master of ceremonies during the service, sponsored by the Allied Veterans Council.

Police Give Women Eye

MENLO PARK, CALIF. (AP)—Police are giving women motorists the eye in this San Francisco Peninsula city this memorial weekend.

Death Claims Thomas Dixon

Death came early this morning to Thomas Dixon, 91, who has lived in the Klamath area since 1889 when he arrived in Klamath Falls (then Linkville).

Dixon died on his son's ranch in Bonanza, the Benson Dixon ranch. His wife, Jane Benson Dixon, died in 1914.

Survivors include six sons, Benson Fercy of Klamath Falls, John of Santa Rosa, Calif., Harry and Roy of Bonanza, and Lee of Tulelake; one daughter, Ruth Dixon of San Francisco; one brother, Jack Dixon of Sacramento; one half brother, Hugh Routley of Fort Klamath; and one half sister, Mrs. Berl Short of Klamath Falls.

Dixon was a native of Ontario, Canada.

Holiday Death Toll Mounts

By The Associated Press
Deaths on the highways began to mount Friday as the nation celebrated the long Memorial Day holiday.

Linkville Cemetery

LINKVILLE CEMETERY, where the Klamath area's pioneers are buried, has been the object of much work for the past few years and is especially beautiful this spring. The historic cemetery dates back to the 1870s when George Nurse, who was the first settler of Linkville, now Klamath Falls, deeded the property for cemetery purposes. An earlier burial ground located where the Elks Temple now stands, was moved to the new site. Nurse founded this community in 1864, but is not buried at Linkville. He died at Yreka. His wife, Mary E. Nurse, was the sister of the mother of Mrs. Guy Hancock, who is now a member of the Linkville Cemetery board.

9 O'clock Special

VACATION looks good from where little Gail Holt stands, and that's where the 9 O'Clock Cameraman snapped her. She's the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. F. Holt, on their way from their home in Los Angeles to Yakima, Wash.

