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The Second Face Of War

Extremists on the left - some of whom, unfortunately, appear to be employed in the field of communications - have been having a field day with hate-America material based upon the My Lai story. Fair-minded Americans will temper their judgement with the only hard fact that exists in the entire string of events; as yet, there has been no trial. Indeed, doubts are now apparent even among those who were quick to attack. It has been noticed, for example, that the Washington Post which was one of the first to take up the cudgels is now using the term "My Lai incident" and carefully inserting the word "alleged" before the term "Massacre". Although the Post put the story way back on page 14, they appear to be concerned that the distinguished and highly respected Chairman of the House Armed Services Committee, Congressman L. Mendel Rivers of South Carolina, has said that he is not yet ready to say definitely that a massacre had occurred.

Whatever the facts about My Lai, and acknowledging that much about the war in Vietnam is horrifying, we believe that more attention should be given to what might be described as the "second face" of the war. We were interested in a letter from a serviceman in Vietnam which appeared in the Washington, D.C. Star.

"The war, like old man river", the G.I. wrote, "continues with many opportunities available for those who seek excitement. That magnificent guy called the American fighting man has taken much of the starch out of the other fellow."

"In the meantime he finds time to busy himself with such projects as building schools, churches, roads, communications systems, homes and improved sanitation facilities on his own free time for his Vietnamese friends. We recently had a drive here at Phan Rang and our people donated \$18,000 to send 240 Vietnamese boys and girls to school for one year. Criteria for the school, the youngsters must have lost one or more of his parents in the war. Some of my people fly all day long and upon returning they teach English classes to the Vietnamese young people at night. This wouldn't make very interesting reading to the 'Peaceful People' at Berkeley or Harvard."

No, we guess that it wouldn't. They prefer the gory, hate-America stories.—Washington - Exclusive

FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH NOTES

Darrell Cleaver, son of Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Cleaver, will confirm his faith in Jesus Christ at Faith Lutheran Church, Sunday, Dec. 21, at 10:30 a.m., during the Rite of Confirmation. The Sunday School Christmas program will be presented at 7:30 p.m., Monday, Dec. 22. The title of this year's program is "Christmas Around the World".

CHRISTIAN CHURCH

Nyssa Christian Church, 5th and Ennis. Pastor Wayne Cutshall.

9:30 a.m. Sunday, December 21, Church services, Sunday school classes following.

6:00 p.m. Christmas program will be presented by the primary Sunday school department and young people of the church, everyone is welcome.

YOUTH FOR CHRIST

RALLY SATURDAY

Boise Valley Youth for Christ will have a rally Saturday, December 20, at the Columbian Auditorium, 9th and Washington, in Boise, beginning at 7:30 p.m. Featured on the rally will be a ridiculously funny film "Barefoot Adventure" plus teen fashions for 1970 from New Zealand (first showing in the states). Special guest will be Denis Paynter from Nelson City, New Zealand, YFC.

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OBITUARIES

ETHYL T. LANE

EFFIE M. BROWN

Ethyl T. Lane, 67, Ontario, died Sunday at the Ontario hospital after an extended illness. She was born Sept. 11, 1902, at Kit Carson, Colo. She graduated from high school in 1918 at Wakeeney, Kan. She was married to James G. Lane Jan. 1, 1925, and resided on a farm at Adrian for many years. Her husband preceded her in death. She attended Treasure Valley Community College in 1967 and was employed as a ward clerk at Holy Rosary Hospital until her illness. She was a member of the Adrian United Presbyterian Church.

She is survived by three sons, Ronald Lane, Florence, Ore., and Keith and Ross Lane, both at Adrian; a daughter, Mrs. Stan (Myrna) Sower, Payette; two sisters, Florence Stallings, Ogden, Utah, and Mabel Griffith, Wakeeney, a brother, Kenneth Bach, Tripoli, Libya, and 13 grandchildren.

Services were conducted at the Lienkaemper Chapel in Nyssa at 11 a.m. Dec. 17 by the Rev. Elmer Rosenkilde, retired pastor of the Adrian Presbyterian Church. Interment will be at Roswell.

The family suggests that contributions may be made to a memorial fund at the United Presbyterian Church in Adrian in care of K. I. Peterson, Adrian.

Services for Mrs. Effie M. Brown, 75, of Route 1, Parma, who died Tuesday in a Caldwell hospital, were conducted at the Daken Funeral Chapel in Caldwell at 2:30 p.m. Friday. Interment was at Wilder.

Mrs. Brown was born Aug. 20, 1894, in Bose, and moved with her parents to the Centerpoint community, south of Notus, when she was four years of age. She continued to live in the community all of her life. She was married Nov. 28, 1911, in Caldwell to James O. Brown. He died Jan. 9, 1966.

Surviving are a son, James L. Brown of Parma; three daughters, Mrs. Florence Richards and Mrs. Ruth Richards, both of Cambridge, and Mrs. Lola Kygar of Nyssa; a brother, Lewis Buffington of Moses Lake, Wash., five sisters, Mrs. Sarah Evans of Cascade, Mrs. Bertha Hallaway of Grangeville, Mrs. Agnes Wilson of Kuna, Mrs. Lottie Haskins of Cascade, and Mrs. Ida Ford of Payette; 12 grandchildren, 36 great-grandchildren, and two great-great-grandchildren.

G. BESENDORFER

George Henry Besendorfer, 63, Route 1, Nyssa, a farmer in the Nyssa area for 27 years, died December 11 at his home of an apparent heart attack.

Mr. Besendorfer was born Oct. 5, 1906, in Midway, Utah, and was reared in the Salt Lake City area. He married Martha Day Oct. 26, 1934, in the Salt Lake City Temple of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. He worked as a cabinet maker from the time he was 16 until moving to Nyssa in 1942. He was an experienced cabinet maker and mill man. He worked for the Van Petten Lumber Co. of Ontario for a number of years, and was employed by the Amalgamated Sugar Co. in Nyssa at the time of his death, in addition to farming. He was a member of the LDS Church and was a Council of Seventy member.

Surviving in addition to Mrs. Besendorfer are three sons, Joseph Leon Besendorfer, Corvallis, Ore., Henry Besendorfer, Bruneau, and Marvin Besendorfer, Grand View; a brother, Noah Besendorfer, Charleston, Utah; three sisters, Mrs. Christina Rindskopf, Mrs. Ella Grass and Miss Lena Besendorfer, all of Salt Lake City and 10 grandchildren. He was preceded in death by two brothers and two sisters.

Services were conducted at the Owyhee LDS Ward, Monday. Bishop Ferrel Peterson officiated. Interment was at 3 p.m. at Grand View under direction of Lienkaemper Chapel.

CONSERVATIVE BAPTIST CHURCH

The Sunday School Christmas program will be presented at 7:30 p.m. Dec. 21. The program will have the traditional recitations and carol singing in honor of the birth of Jesus Christ our Lord. Mrs. Lois Page is director of the program and is assisted by Mrs. Judy Robinson and Mrs. Loraine Bauman. The Sunday School teachers are rehearsing Sunday is built around the Sun-ther pupils for the program.

A family caroling time is being planned with the time to be announced in Sunday School and church. Homes of the elderly and the shut-ins will be caroled. Anyone having relatives or friends that would especially like to have caroler's sing outside their windows may call the pastor (372-3651) or any member of the church.

A service of music is planned for Sunday evening at the Church of the Nazarene. Mr. Gary Condon and the church choir will be featured in this service with music which lends meaning and beauty to the Christmas season. This service will begin at 7:30. Friends in the community are invited to share all the services at the Church of the Nazarene.

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ADRIAN NEWS

BY PAULINE MACKEY
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ADRIAN—Mr. and Mrs. Bob Hamilton of Boise were Dec. 14 visitors at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W.E. Ashcraft.

Mrs. W.E. Peirce and her sister, Mrs. Rube Graham of Star were visitors at the home of Mr. and Mrs. W.E. Ashcraft Dec. 13. Mr. and Mrs. Forest Hamilton of Wilder were Dec. 12 visitors at the home of Mr. and Mrs. W.E. Ashcraft.

Mr. and Mrs. Glen Brown and Mr. and Mrs. George Cartwright attended an Eastern Star breakfast at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Roy Holmes Dec. 14.

Mr. and Mrs. Monty Freeland and daughters and Mr. and Mrs. G.E. Mackey and Gene were visitors at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Oliver Freeland and family Dec. 14. Ruth Gonzales and Sharon Freeland visited Nancy Callahan in a Nampa hospital Dec. 14. On Monday Nancy was transferred to a hospital in Boise.

Gilbert Deffenbaugh of Nyssa visited Mr. and Mrs. Oliver Freeland and family Dec. 12.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Looney and Mary went to Ontario Dec. 14 to help their grandsons and nephews Doug and Dave Looney celebrate their third birthday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Looney.

Ross Mills was a luncheon guest of Mr. and Mrs. Joe O'Neil of Parma Dec. 13.

Dwight Moorehead of Lewiston, Nebr., now stationed at Mountain Home Air Force Base visited at the home of his cousin, Mr. and Mrs. Wally Steiner Dec. 13 and 14.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Willis visited at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Bob Patterson and Mr. and Mrs. Max Buxton of Ontario Dec. 13. They all had dinner at the East Side Cafe.

Mr. and Mrs. Danny Richards and Mr. and Mrs. G.E. Mackey attended the Argus-Observer dinner and gift exchange at the East Side Cafe in Ontario Dec. 13.

Mr. and Mrs. G.E. Mackey and Gene took ice cream and cake to the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. E.M. Mackey Dec. 14 to help Mrs. E.M. Mackey celebrate her 83 birthday anniversary.

Mr. and Mrs. E.M. Mackey visited at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Arle Miller and Ruth of Parma Dec. 14.

Mrs. Ethel Lane, a former resident of the area passed away Dec. 14 following an extended illness.

Mr. and Mrs. Don Rogers of Ontario were dinner guests at the home of her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. George DeHaven Dec. 14.



Dec. 18 - Band and chorus Christmas concert
Dec. 19 - Basketball - Harper - there
Dec. 20 - Basketball - Home-dale - here
Dec. 22 - Christmas formal
Dec. 23 - Christmas vacation



MAN - HIS ARTS AND IDEAS

BY CLYDE T. SWISHER

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In last week's column, I spoke of using leisure time for reading. I should like to pursue that same topic a bit further in this week's column.

Medical scientists today are developing techniques through which virtually every vital part of the human body can be replaced. They are also devising tests for determining potential weaknesses of vital organs so that new organs can be installed before trouble develops. There is even talk that the brain or portions thereof may be replaceable.

Phenomenal though these advances may be, they still fall short of an already existing non-medical technique for increasing longevity. A simple, simple system now makes possible an incredible enlargement of human life. This system goes by the name of a "book". Through it, one can live hundreds of lifetimes in one. What is more, he may enjoy fabulous options. He can live in an age of his choosing; he can take possession of any experience; he can live inside the mind of any man who has recorded an interesting thought, any man who has opened up new sluices of knowledge, any man who has engaged in depth of feeling or awareness beyond the scope of most mortals. This is what good books are all about.

But anyone who can read can learn how to read deeply and thus live more fully. The way a book is read, which is to say, the qualities a reader brings to a book, can have as much to do with its worth as anything the author puts into it. A writer may spend two days working on a single paragraph so that the words will turn just right, enabling the reader not just to get the drift of a narrative, but to become immersed in it.

I have the strongest feelings against capital punishment, but I am tempted to make an exception in the case of those individuals who have been pushing speed reading to preposterous lengths. There are times when it is more important to read slowly than quickly. Yes, yes, I know: the speedsters claim that they are as much concerned with sense and comprehension as they are with facility. This misses the point.

The purpose of reading is not to gobble up the words, but to experience a mood, to meander through thoughts touched off by an idea, to provide food for the imagination. What makes the present emphasis on rapid reading all the more baleful is that it occurs in the context of an age that worships speed. The consciousness needs the kind of a breather the book can provide.

It is absurd to say that speed readers, if tested, will be able to give everything back. This is not reading, it is regurgitation. What speed readers too often can't give back is the beauty of a line or the melody of a thought. Water turns to steam with but one degree of additional heat. Many speed readers constantly fall short of that one degree that turns fact into meaning or a narrative into a living experience.

I do not argue against the development of a man's reading skills in order to manage more information in less time. I do, however, argue against the tendency to scan rather than savoring, when savoring is the most vital ingredient in the transmission of meaning. Certainly the ability to dwell inside the mind of another man or to have a total transference of emotion or experience is minimized and cheapened by the race against the clock.

Any life, however long, is too short if the mind is bereft of splendor, the passions unworked, the memories sparse, and the imagination unlit by radiant musings. Longevity by itself is indistinguishable from vegetation. A man may acquire a new pancreas, kidney, liver, heart, bone marrow, and lung, but he will succumb to boredom if his mind is without a horizon.

The book is no substitute for experience, but neither is experience a substitute for the book. The growth of the human mind is still high adventure, in many ways the highest adventure on earth and nothing is more characteristic of that growth than the transmission of vital thought and experience from one person to another and from one generation to another.

What is most attractive of all, of course, about the kind of transmutation made possible by books is that it can be done without anesthesia.

The University of Oregon sponsors a traveling assembly program for junior and senior high school students in the state to learn about the peaceful uses of atomic energy.

Studies in business, economics, and related fields are conducted by the Bureau of Business and Economic Research at the University of Oregon.

Oregon State University was the fifth land-grant college--and the first in the West--to introduce the study of home economics.

COMING EVENTS

TODAY, THURSDAY, DEC. 18 - Legion and auxiliary potluck dinner and Christmas party

FRIDAY, DEC. 19 - O.K.K. Club Christmas dinner, palomino Cafe, 7:30 p.m.

MONDAY, DEC. 22 - 2 p.m. Hospital Auxiliary meeting in recreation room at hospital. Santa will distribute gifts to Nursing Home Residents.



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