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## Lest We Forget

By MICHAEL STRASZER

A DAY of memories. One out of two days a year that the nation stops its hurried business, professional and mercantile life to indulge in memories of a few years' pulsating effort by men who weren't known as "heroes" then.

Memorial Day and Armistice Day—out of 365 given over to money, love and life—are left to the few comrades of those who "went West" with a laugh, a prayer on lips which were soon to be still; while the rest of the nation "observes" the holiday apparently oblivious of its meaning.

The date, May 30, was chosen by the Grand Army of the Republic, that fast thinning organization of men who donned the blue in '61 at the call of Abraham Lincoln. It was selected because it was the day in 1868 when the last Union volunteer was discharged from service.

General John A. Logan, first commander-in-chief of the Grand Army, was instrumental in placing Memorial Day in the hearts of the people; for the day only exists in the hearts of those who reverently pay tribute to our fallen warriors.

There is no national statute setting aside Memorial Day as a holiday, although several states have enacted laws making it a legal one. It is a day of custom rather than of statute.

On land, graves of veterans are strewn with flowers; on sea, the waters are blossom-covered. In inland towns an inspirational tribute has grown up as the rivers are burdened with flowers to carry land-locked homage to those gallant sailors and marines who demanded freedom for this nation in all its wars.

These are soul-stirring facts, but there remains the discouraging inattention prevalent today. Too many of us forget—or if we don't forget, are heedless. One might even say that we are irreverent in our neglect of opportunity to observe this holiday—this Memorial Day—as we should.

We were quick to grasp the hands of those men who wore the blue and gray, khaki, olive drab and blue when they left us in '61, '98 and '17. We marched with them as they departed for Shiloh, Havana and Brest. We watched them as they rode away on horseback, in puffing army trains and in camouflaged transports.

Later, we scanned the list of casualties sent back from the Wilderness, San Juan Hill and Chateau Thierry—those cold, black lines of type which cast despair in many a home. We saw the wounded the sick and the gassed come back to us or to hospitals where many are still confined.

Then came peace and the boys returned to be paraded through triumphal arches and feted as the defenders of the Union, valiant preservers of freedom for all American peoples and victors in the cause for Democracy. We promised them comfort, happiness and security, those who returned to us, once more to take up the tasks of the commonwealth.

And in the midst of the fervor of home-coming we didn't forget those who did not come back. They appeared to many of us as marching home with the rest of the boys—cheering them onward in their return—but, in reality, they were resting under white crosses, row on row, at Gettysburg, Chicamauga and Soissons.

Have we forgotten those boys?

Have we so far embroiled ourselves in this mad-stream of business, pleasure and speed that we no longer attend Memorial Day's great privilege?

God grant that we haven't. Let us dedicate ourselves to the day's reverent meaning—to go forth and pay tribute to those defenders who have passed to the Valhalla of heroes. They who threw us the torch of world peace after months of dire peril and havoc and who lost their lives are not demanding it. They wouldn't want to be labeled "heroes" and be forced to endure the pitiless light of publicity—but they wouldn't want to be forgotten!

This Memorial Day is our day to remember those intrepid comrades-at-arms. Are we going to accept that comparatively easy challenge and do them homage?

The answer is what we do Saturday.

### Harbor City Chamber Asks Street Opened

HARBOR CITY.—The Chamber of Commerce, which boasts 60 members, took action on several matters of importance, to this community at its last meeting. Now that bids are being taken for the paving of Bellefonte and the city has voted \$18,000 to purchase lots on Amaranth in the way of the extension of Normandie, the chamber decided to ask the city for a petition to extend Bellefonte to the north to connect with Western. Bellefonte is in line with Denker if it is opened through, but in the meantime some connection is needed with the highways to the north.

Another matter on which the chamber is working is playgrounds for Harbor City and it also renewed its request to the city that the Hollingsworth Park on Western be taken over by the park board.

The Gauchos' hopes for the baseball championship this year have long since gone glimmering. Out of eight games, seven were lost. The team started out with only three lettermen and a lack of hitters and fielders has kept the team down. This year only four men from the team will graduate instead of almost the whole team, as last year, so hopes for a good team next year are good.

### Huge Grinder Discovered

LOMITA.—Found—One tooth, one foot long, and weighing nine pounds and 10 ounces; no gold fillings, no cavities. The same was found Monday in the Sidebotham gravel pit and Ed Sidebotham expresses no desire to meet the owner in the flesh for it's a vicious looking specimen. In fact, he's quite hopeful the owner has been dead some thousands of years.

### LOMITA COSMOS CLUB INSTALLS NEW OFFICERS

LOMITA.—The annual installation of officers of the Lomita Cosmos club, Wednesday night was as usual an original affair. Mrs. Ethel Waite was installing officer for the event which took place at the John Wood home on Pennsylvania avenue. Mrs. Ma MacPhail acted as installing marshal, and escorted to their positions Mrs. Ada Anderson, president; Mrs. Aileen Woods, vice president; and Birda Paddock, secretary-treasurer. Mrs. Waite, retiring president, was presented with a sandwich plate by the club. Mrs. Eunice Wood played a cello solo after the installation and a four-course supper concluded the evening.

### Dry Raiders Tell Of New Kind of Mash

LOMITA.—Prunes and pineapples are perhaps the latest ingredients for pure corn whiskey. At any rate, R. M. Broker, district attorney, and M. A. Gallardo and M. Boone of the county dry squad reported finding several barrels of it when they dug down into a buried still on the place of Larry Teran on Amelia street.

The route to the 50-gallon still, barrels of mash, alcohol, and other paraphernalia was discovered leading from a trap door in a toilet to an underground room, eight by 10 feet and five and a half feet high, the investigators said. Eight inches of dirt covered the room which had 2x12-inch boards placed over it. Teran had his preliminary hearing before Judge Dennis Friday morning and was bound over to the Superior Court with bail set at \$1000.

### NIGHT CLUB SETTING IS USED FOR JUNIOR PROM

LOMITA.—Greenwich Village, a night club setting, formed the motif for the annual Junior Prom Friday night when the event to which seniors and juniors look forward all year took place. Tables covered with red and white cloths were lined around the side of the gym and to them the seniors were escorted by handsome Italian waiters (10th year boys). Spaghetti, French rolls, salami, punch and ice cream were served. The four junior class advisers, Miss Chadwick, Mrs. Willis, Mrs. Christopher, and Mr. Stump, assisted the student committees in arranging the unique affair.

### GRADUATE RETURNS

LOMITA.—Miss Levenne Geist, Narbonne graduate, has returned from Berkeley after winning her A. B. degree in English. Miss Geist will study at the University of Southern California next year for her master's degree.

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LOMITA.—A large gathering of friends assembled at the Cates & O'Shea chapel, Redondo Beach, Monday afternoon to pay last respects to Mrs. Helena Woolman Jordan, for nearly 20 years a respected citizen of Manhattan Beach. She was Mrs. Edna K. Lynne's mother. Rev. Dalton of the First Methodist church of Redondo conducted a simple and comforting ceremony. Members of the Odd Fellows and American Legion acted as pall bearers and following services at the Inglewood crematory, the ashes were sent to Pedricktown, New Jersey, to be placed in the family plot there.

### NARBONNE P. T. A. TO PICNIC AT SCHOOL

LOMITA.—The annual picnic of the Narbonne P. T. A. will be held June 9 on the high school grounds. The Fashion Show, given by students after lunch, promises to be even more hilarious than in previous years. Officers elected to serve the coming year are Mrs. J. Mulken, president; Mrs. V. Foote, first vice president; Miss Marie Stiff, second vice president; Mrs. H. L. Hess, secretary; Mrs. M. Mickelson, treasurer; Mrs. P. G. Reid, financial secretary; Mrs. Fanny Pirner, auditor, and Miss James Wilkinson, historian.

### MASONIC PARTY WELL ATTENDED FRIDAY EVE.

LOMITA.—About 75 enjoyed the social evening given by the Masonic lodge Friday night. Masons and their wives from Compton, Wilmington and San Pedro were present, as well as Lomita friends. Cards, dancing, and an informal program were enjoyed, with games for the children and refreshments for all.

### SERVICES FOR INFANT

LOMITA.—Services for the infant son of Mr. and Mrs. Andrew J. Reed, 1423 Cypress street, were held Wednesday, May 20, at the El Nido cemetery. The baby passed away at a San Pedro hospital when only three hours old.

### SOCIAL EVENT TONIGHT

LOMITA.—Tickets are selling fast for the dinner and card party to be given tonight, May 28, at Odd Fellows hall by the Altar Society. Mrs. J. H. Kurtz and Mrs. E. Willis are in charge and announce prizes will be given in bridge, 500 and pinocle.

## LOMITA Briefs

LOMITA.—Following a double wedding performed at the home of Judge Dennis Sunday, Mr. and Mrs. O. L. Fink entertained at a wedding breakfast at their home, 2808 East Chestnut street, 28 relatives and friends of the brides and grooms. The brides were sisters of Mrs. Fink, Miss Nan Lane of Los Angeles, who plighted her troth to Harry Moy, and Miss Wilma Lane, who married Don Berry.

At a meeting of the Lomita Community Presbyterian church Sunday, Clayton L. Montgomery, D. D., was unanimously called to the pastorate of the church. Dr. J. C. Klene of Long Beach presided. Rev. Montgomery has made many friends in Lomita while supplying the church in the absence of a regular pastor and it is thought he will accept the call.

It was a sad day for Lomita last Sunday—Los Angeles 2, Lomita 0. Only three hits were made off Yancy, pitched for the Los Angeles County sheriff's office, and when Mann hit a home run in the eighth inning, something went wrong with his eyes, for thinking he saw the ball caught, he stopped running at third and walked to the base. Yelovich pitched rood ball for Lomita, the Los Angeles team getting seven hits.

The Amaranths will entertain at cards Thursday, June 4, at the Odd Fellows hall. Playing will begin at 1:30 p. m.

All members of the W. R. C. are urged to remember the meeting to be held Friday, June 5, at 1 p. m., at the home of Mrs. Galla Lacey on Poppy street.

Lomita Post-Veterans of Foreign Wars, will parade Saturday morning with the San Pedro Post at San Pedro. In the afternoon the Post and Auxiliary will go to Roosevelt Memorial Park to hold memorial services for Comrade G. Y. Biddle.

On Friday the W. R. C. will hold a memorial service at 11 a. m. at the high school.

The Daughters of Veterans, of whom there are over a dozen members in Lomita, will parade with the San Pedro members and Comrade Mendelsohn, will ride with them.

Notice of Sale of Real Estate Under Execution SHERIFF'S SALE No. 274391 DOUGLAS H. GRAHAM and ALFRED D. MITCHELL, doing business under the firm name of the GRAHAM SUPPLY COMPANY, Defendants and Cross-Complainants, vs. SOUTHERN MIDWAY OIL COMPANY, a Corporation, Plaintiff and Cross-Defendant. By virtue of an execution issued out of the Superior Court of the County of Los Angeles, State of California, wherein DOUGLAS H. GRAHAM and ALFRED D. MITCHELL, doing business under the firm name of the GRAHAM SUPPLY COMPANY, Defendants and Cross-Complainants, and SOUTHERN MIDWAY OIL COMPANY, a Corporation, Plaintiff and Cross-Defendants, upon a judgment rendered the 8th day of January, A. D. 1931, for the sum of One thousand one hundred forty-six and 73/100 (\$1146.73) Dollars lawful money of the United States, besides costs and interest, I have levied upon all the right, title, claim and interest of said Plaintiff and Cross-Defendant SOUTHERN MIDWAY OIL COMPANY, a Corporation, of, in and to the following described real estate, situate in the County of Los Angeles, State of California, and bounded and described as follows: All the right, title and interest of the plaintiff in and to an undivided 9-20th interest in and to Lots 8 and 9, Block 4, Tract 4070, standing on record, as to said undivided 9-20ths, in and to the Southern Midway Oil Company, Los Angeles County, California, PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, That I will, on Monday, the 8th day of June, A. D. 1931, at 10 o'clock A. M. of that day, in front of the Court House door of the County of Los Angeles, Broadway entrance, sell at public auction, for lawful money of the United States, all the right, title, claim and interest of said Plaintiff and Cross-Defendant SOUTHERN MIDWAY OIL COMPANY, a Corporation, of, in and to the above described property, or so much thereof as may be necessary to raise sufficient to satisfy said judgment, with interest and costs, etc., to the highest and best bidder. Dated this 14th day of May, 1931. WM. I. TRAEGER, Sheriff of Los Angeles County. By CHAS. KAHLAN, Deputy Sheriff. By R. DECHTER, Plaintiff's Attorney. May 14-21-28-June 4

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