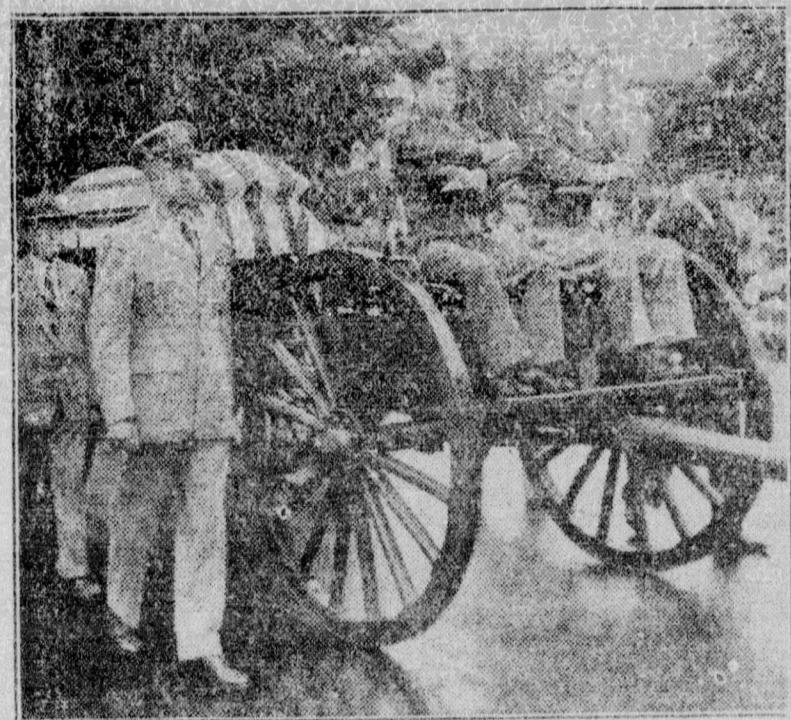


JOHNSTON COUNTY

'... Live as Bravely As They Die'



General Bradley Paces the Caisson

By Omar N. Bradley
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This is the text of an address delivered by General Bradley at Longmeadow, Mass., at the funeral service for Corporal Edward K. Wilkin, Company C, 157th Infantry, Forty-fifth Division, Medal of Honor winner, who was killed in action April 18, 1945. Because General Bradley's words are worth repeating whenever and wherever Americans may honor their soldier dead, they are reprinted here on the anniversary of the recent service held by Corporal Wilkin's friends and neighbors at Longmeadow.

HERE ON THE long green meadows of this tranquil New England town, we have come to do honor—not alone to one brave soldier—but to the generations of earnest young men who left their homes to defend them at Concord, Antietam, San Juan, the Argonne—and in the snows of the Ardennes.

For as long as free men have lived, worked, worshipped and reared their families under these skies, so long have their sons been summoned to arms against those who would enslave or destroy them. In generation after generation they have been forced to quit these quiet homes in your peaceful valley to fight—and sometimes to die—in conflicts visited upon them by issues that seemed remote from their everyday lives.

From the chancelleries of London, Paris, Berlin, Rome, Tokyo and Moscow, those bitter struggles that have scarred the progress of all mankind eventually spilled the seas to invade the sunny paths and warm fireplaces of these colonial homelands. And as these world struggles have wasted the youth and resources of nations, they have also left behind them sorrowing women and empty chairs in the houses on this green.

It is easy for us who are living to honor the sacrifices of those who are dead. For it helps us to assume the guilt we should feel in their presence. Wars can be prevented just as surely as they are provoked and therefore we who fail to prevent them must share in guilt for the deed.

I have not come here today to consecrate war and its evils for the sacrifices war has produced. For every man in whom you have inspired sacrifice, courage and love, there are many more whom it has degraded with brutality, callousness and greed.

RAATHER we are gathered here to take comfort and strength from those of our dead who have already given this Nation so much. We have come to learn—if we can—how men might live as charitably together in peace as they did for each other in war.

We have come to ask why it is that our young men must spend their bodies against the Siegfried Line—why it is men cannot live as bravely as they die.

In our hatred and renunciation of war, we must not forget that the roots of conflict flourish in the faults and failures of those who seek peace just as surely as they take shape from the diseases and designs of aggressors.

While the American people have within themselves the moral strength, the power, and wisdom to marshal their forces against aggression in whatever form it affects—we cannot feign innocence through indifference or neglect of struggles that bring on wars. We have suffered enough in two world wars to know that non-involvement in peace means certain involvement in war.

Either we shall employ our strength, power, and conscience boldly and righteously in defense of human dignity, and freedom or we shall waste those reserves for peace and default to the forces that breed new wars.

This lad we buried today is partly the victim of your folly. He is the victim of your folly and the folly of all the peace-loving peoples who turned their backs on the ills of the world. For at the very time those aggressors at whose hands he met his death conspired against the peace of the world, we blinded ourselves to their threats and by our shameful inaction countenanced their starting attacks.

Secure in distant and peaceful towns like these, clinging to comforts, refusing risks, seeking safety in refuge and refuge in words, we recanted power and conscience to side with those who sought peace at any price. Too late we discovered the price was too high and to keep our freedom we paid in the bodies of our young sons.

IF THE United States ever again stoops to expedients to avoid the difficult decisions that come with leadership, the heavy burdens that come with defense, we shall once more run the dangers of all half-way measures and waste our strength and conscience as a weathervane rather than a force.

If we cringe from the necessity of meeting issues boldly with principle, resolution and strength, then we shall simply burdle along from crisis to crisis, improving with expedients, seeking ineffective solutions, dragging the Nation with an illusion of security which under those conditions cannot exist. If we are to scamp from crisis to crisis, fixing principles and policies to the change of each day, we shall place ourselves supinely and helplessly at the mercy of any aggressor who might play on our public opinion and decimate our forces at will.

To live bravely by convictions from which the free peoples of this world can take heart, the American people must put their faith in stable, long-range policies—political, economic and military—programs that will not be heated and cooled with the brightening and waning of tension.

The United States has matured to world leadership; it is time we steered by the stars, not by the lights of each passing ship.

On this Memorial Day, as we take leave of this brave soldier—Corpl. Edward Wilkin, Army of the United States, Medal of Honor winner—we pay homage as he would have us do, to all his fallen comrades—to the strong, the weak, the leaders, the led, the brave, the fearful; to all who perished where only God could witness their charity to their fellow men.

Proudly—but reverently, sadly—we honor them. We pray they will ever rest in peace.

SHORT JOURNEY

BY MRS. DOLLE M. SANDERS
The science classes at our school are making plans for an exhibit on the anniversary of their science fair. The exhibit will be held on May 26, at 4:00 P. M. activities carried on during the year. The Sixth Grade is preparing the exhibit on "Plant Life". All papers carried out the job of the science fair. The exhibit will be held on May 26, at 4:00 P. M. science notebooks. This year's exhibit has been both enjoyable and helpful to all boys and girls. The school is now making plans for commencement exercises. The service. The public is invited to attend all the programs.

On May 27, an exhibit will be held at the school. This exhibit will display articles made by the handicraft, 4-H Club, Art, sewing and writing societies. Among the 4-H Club members plan to exhibit articles made from road signs, Christmas cards and yard goods. The exhibit will be held from 4:00 to 6:00 P. M.

The Short Journey Home Demonstration Club met with Mrs. Ostrin Elliott at her home at 2:30 P. M. last week. The meeting opened with business. Mrs. Elliott presented a report on the work of the club. The members discussed the work of the club and the work of the club. The members discussed the work of the club and the work of the club. The members discussed the work of the club and the work of the club.

CZECHS RIDICULE DEMOCRACY IN U. S.

WASHINGTON, (AP)—A mock panorama of American life was depicted in a play by Czechs held last night in Prague by the Czech Consulate by the purpose of ridiculing democracy in the United States. An AP wirephoto of the parade opening at a local market showed two blacked-up persons portraying the American Negro. One had a sign that said "I am a Negro" and the other had a sign that said "I am a Communist". Behind them marched a group of men dressed in American army uniforms but giving a Nazi salute. This is assumed to have been a representation of the wide American citizen who preaches democracy but practices the same tactics used by the German Gestapo.

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Timely Farm Hints For The Homemakers

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State College Answers Timely Farm Questions

What treatment is recommended for controlling downy mildew on cucumbers?
D. D. F. E. plant pathologist for the Agricultural Experiment Station recommends a dust containing 2 percent metallic copper derived from copper carbonate. The treatment, Dr. E. E. explains, is to spray the plants and the soil around them with the dust. The dust should be applied before the disease has become established. The dust should be applied before the disease has become established.

JOINS F. E. P. C.

PROVIDENCE, (AP)—The F. E. P. C. secretary of the New England Regional Conference of branches of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, was this week elected a member of the newly formed Pan-Ethnic Peoples' Commission in Rhode Island. Governor John D. Benson said the state FEPC will also accept the commission on May 23.

N. C. PROF. HONORED AT PENNA. STATE

Dr. Allen E. Weatherford, who heads the Health and Physical Education School for 1943-1944 of the Pennsylvania State College, was honored at a dinner given at the college last night. Dr. Weatherford has been named as one of the best men in the world. Dr. Weatherford has been named as one of the best men in the world.

CAPITAL JIM CROW CAUSES N. J. SCHOOL TO CANCEL D. C. TRIP

BRIDGEFORD, N. J. (AP)—The Jersey town took a step at Westmont, N. J., last week. The town took a step at Westmont, N. J., last week. The town took a step at Westmont, N. J., last week. The town took a step at Westmont, N. J., last week.

IMPROVED BARNS CUT CURING COST

Many North Carolina tobacco farmers could save more than one-third on their curing methods, says R. M. Pridmore, agricultural engineer for the State College, Extension Service.
Detective hazing and outdated methods are now causing the waste of several million dollars worth of leaf in the State each year, Pridmore says.
The highest fuel thief in curing, says the State College specialist, is excessive ventilation. Too much air passing through the barn at time during the cure when very little air is needed. This wasted fuel can be saved by stepping up the bars in the barn and by using a controlled ventilating system.
All holes at eaves and gables ends of barns should be closed. If excessive amount of air leaks through the walls, they should be covered with some material which will stop the leaks.
Ventilation during the cure should be obtained by means of a motor ventilator which can be controlled when not needed. Motor ventilation, if needed, is best obtained on a large number of small fans well distributed around the barn.
A weathered barn, one that is leaky, is a waste of money. However, a barn that is leaky is a waste of money. However, a barn that is leaky is a waste of money.
Farmers interested in improving their curing barns may obtain complete information from Extension Circulars 46 and 322. These publications may be obtained from the county agent or by writing the Agricultural Editor, State College Station, Raleigh.

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