

All Together Now: 'Rip 'Em Up, Tear 'Em Up...'



Be Peppy: The Judges Are Watching

Mom Waits At Home

Four Brothers—Together, Yet Far Apart In Viet Nam

By MARY COWLES
ETOWAH, (AP) — The playing field next to a log house under the willows beside O 1 D Highway 64 is abandoned now, and the deer and rabbits are promised a safer season.

For four of the five Day boys — William, Bud, Larry and Harry — who romped their way to victory in all kinds of athletics and who were avid hunters, are not playing games this year. The hunting they're doing now is not for sport.

They have joined the armed forces and all four brothers are serving in the Viet Nam war.

And Mickey, the youngest, just turned draft age, is missing his brothers badly and is putting in too many hours working with his dad to give thought to games or hunting.

SCHOOL PLAYGROUND

Time was when the field at the Calvin Day home looked like a school playground. And the boys, all within five years of each other in age, boasted that they could form a team for almost any game. Crowds of children always gathered around them.

"I guess," said Mrs. Day, "that's what we miss the most — the children playing out there on the field."

Although the Day parents have more at stake in the war in Viet Nam than most, they make no fuss about it. They

are quietly, prayerfully proud of their sons.

Clearly, the seven members of this family feel strongly about their country's obligations and their responsibilities as individuals to help meet them. They are strangers to self-pity.

"I imagine," Mrs. Day said, "that Mickey, being the youngest, has had his orders from his brothers to try to stay home as long as he can and help us. I don't know what his dad would do without him, either. With the others gone and help so hard to get."

"But when the time comes, if he feels that he has to go, I couldn't ask him not to just for our sake."

3 SEAMEN

Three of the boys enlisted in the Navy in 1964. Harry, one of the twins who will be 20 in October, was the first, entering in July. He now is a radioman, 3rd class, serving on an LST.

William, 23, oldest of the boys, enlisted the following month. He is an aviation control system technician, 3rd class, serving on the aircraft carrier FDR.

Bud, followed suit, becoming a hospital corpsman, 3rd class, assigned to the Marine Cross.

Navy recruiters wanted all four and tried to enlist Larry, but he waited for the draft and entered the Army. On the day he took his Army physical, Mrs. Day said, he ran up on the porch in high spirits and shouted:

"Hey! Know what? I made it!"

"Larry had polio when he was small," his mother explained, "and although it never stooped him from playing football or doing anything else, he somehow got the notion he would be rejected. And he just cut off finding out for sure. But he was a happy boy when he knew he could go." Larry is now a private first class, with the 410th Transport Co.

Harry has been in Viet Nam since April 1 and Bud arrived early in August. The first bombing missions from Bill's ship were Aug. 10.

NOT TOGETHER

So far the brothers have been unable to get together, although all four are aware that the others are somewhere near. Harry and Larry, the twins, think they may be able to see each other before long. Harry will be in Nha Trang soon, about 35 miles from Larry.

"And Larry thinks he is about 200 miles from Bud, but I think it is a little farther. They are writing to each other, and trying to arrange what they call R and R — rest and recreation leave, but their letters may have to come to San Francisco and be sent back before they get them."

Mail time, naturally, is the big event of every day for this household.

"When the mail comes, we are at the post office," the boys' father said. "Eight-thirty every morning — that's the only mail that brings letters from overseas."

Mrs. Day said they had heard from all four the week before. "And we got three letters yesterday and three today. However, two were from Larry each day, and one from Bill."

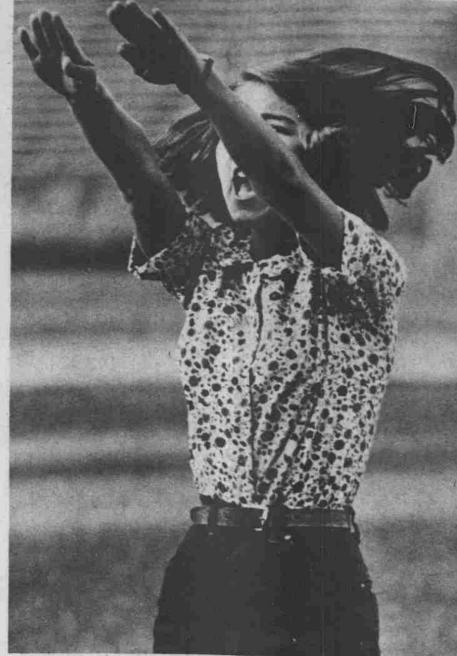
"They do write the most encouraging, wonderful letters," she said. "We get no complaints from them. All are enthusiastic about what they're doing, love their work and what they are learning. Larry is always writing about the good food. And Bud got to go with the doctors into Vietnamese village to treat the sick and he loves that. He might just become a doctor some day."

The vast array of football, baseball and basketball trophies gleaming on the mantel and atop the television set in the Day home are evidence that all five of the Day boys are winners.

Three impressive trophies, given by radio station WHKP the outstanding football team member, were won by three of the brothers in three consecutive years. The winners are chosen by the team.

There are many others, including the Great Lakes Commander's Cup and the Great Lakes Intramural Champion Football award, won last year.

"But those," Mrs. Day was quick to explain, "are team awards, not for individual performance. Anyway, I think a little too much has been made of the boys' athletic achievements. After all, with five of them so near the same age, they could get a lot more practice."



Keep Your Form Graceful

Laundry Soaps Threat To Life

ROME (UPI)—The detergent-happy housewife with her determination to get everything cleaner and whiter is a menace to humanity.

So warns Josef Zimmerman, an Israeli irrigation and sewage engineer who acts as consultant to the United Nations Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO).

Zimmerman, temporarily at FAO headquarters here is convinced mankind faces the threat of mass poisoning unless it drastically curbs inefficient sewage disposal, which is aggravated by growing use of detergents in the home and by industry.

The trouble is most detergents do not disintegrate but remain in the water or seep into the ground. There they kill fish and destroy bacteria necessary to break down human wastes. They even penetrate back into drinking water supplies.

REAL DANGER

"We are in real danger of poisoning ourselves with our own waste matter. The problem is so acute that it must be tackled immediately on an international scale," Zimmerman said in an interview.

The Israeli expert said that the soap industry has made some progress in developing detergents that will disintegrate in water and in the ground but "not nearly enough is being done to introduce them."

"In America recently," he said, "I was horrified to find that housewives are being told through advertising to buy various brands of detergents because they contain boron."

"Boron, which has become the magic word in detergents, is a chemical element which certainly helps to give the kind of miraculous results that detergent manufacturers claim. But it also interrupts biological action, killing not only fish and other fresh water creatures but also destroying the bacteria which break down human wastes," Zimmerman said.

In America and other countries, boron, perborate bleaches and other detergents have seeped through the soil into the groundwater and found their way into drinking water supplies. "That is why in a number of American cities you get what looks like a glass of soapy water when you turn the tap on," he said.

Zimmerman became a crusader for "non-persistent detergents" — the kind that break up and disappear eventually — because his main professional interest is promoting the use of treated sewage for irrigating farmlands.

Sewage water is fine for irrigating many crops but not if it contains heavy concentrations of "persistent detergents."

Who will be chosen to cheer next year's Tar Babies on to victory?

A pretty active, pretty loud and just plain pretty group of freshmen vied for the honor Thursday before a panel of judges at Kenan stadium.

No matter who finally passed inspection, a good time was had by all, especially the group of guys that gathered to watch the girls go through their routines.

The duties that a Carolina cheerleader are required to perform and the skills that she must have are many. But, basically they add up to two things: jump around and yell.

If the group that tried out this week for the freshmen squad could do nothing else, they could do that — that jumped around and yelled to the point of exhaustion.

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