

TODAY and TOMORROW

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AMERICANS . . . devotion

I was one of the 150,000 who went to Gettysburg for the great reunion encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic and the United Confederate Veterans. Eighteen hundred old men—their average age was 94 and many were centenarians—met in the tented city on the spot where the decisive battle which turned the tide of the War Between the States was fought in the first three days of July, 1863.

Ancient enmities were forgotten, old hatreds buried, as the foes of 75 years ago fraternized in each other's tents and swapped tall stories, magnified by time, of their youthful experiences in war. As I mingled with them and listened to them the one thing that struck me most forcibly was that these former foes were all Americans.

Americans fought Americans 75 years ago. Looking back over history, it is clear to me that Blue and Gray alike were fighting for America. They differed in their concepts of the American ideal of Liberty, but were alike in their fierce devotion to the American spirit. They were willing to lay down their lives for a spiritual cause. So long as Americans cherish the spirit of Liberty as these men did, our democracy is safe. If that spiritual devotion lies in the youth of America, we are a lost nation.

HEROISM . . . fighters

On the battlefield of Gettysburg are hundreds of statues, monuments and memorial tablets. The one which impressed me most with the heroism of the Americans who fought each other there is a bronze figure of a soldier brandishing his clubbed musket like a maul. War was waged at close quarters in the days of short-range muzzle-loading muskets. To fire his single shot effectively a soldier had to expose himself to the enemy's fire, then fall back and reload.

And when there was no time to reload, it was hand-to-hand fighting with clubbed muskets.

Pickett's gallant charge on the Union breastworks at Gettysburg was fought in that way. Nineteen of his 4,000 brave boys in Gray were left dead or dying on the slopes of the narrow valley. In modern warfare most of the fighting is between opponents who hardly see each other. It took heroes to fight a war in 1863.

LEE . . . leadership

The outstanding figure among the monuments on Gettysburg battlefield is the bronze statue of General Robert E. Lee, astride of his famous war-horse, "Traveler." And in the hearts of both Blue and Gray, as I listened to the ancient tales of the great figures and episodes of Civil War days, Lee seemed to stand first in the admiration of both sides, as a soldier and as a man.

"If Lee had accepted Lincoln's offer of command of the Union armies, the war wouldn't have lasted six months," I heard one blue-coated veteran say, while the group around him echoed the sentiment.

There is more back of the universal tribute paid to General Lee's memory on both sides of the Mason and Dixon line than the sentimental glamour which always surrounds the leader of a lost cause. North and South alike honor him because, among all the figures in the great struggle, he stood out as one who combined honor with leadership, courage with character.

UNION . . . democracy

More years have passed since the battle of Gettysburg than the life of the nation under the Constitution up to then. President Lincoln, in his immortal address four months after the battle, spoke of the war as a test of the endurance of a government founded in democracy. Democracy has endured for 75 years since he spoke.

"If Lincoln had lived it would have been easier for the South," said an old Confederate officer in camp, "but in spite of that, I think the boys all agree that it is better for our grandchildren and their grandchildren that it turned out as it did. We're one nation instead of two. We're all Americans and we belong together."

That is how old men, reflecting the wisdom that comes with years, look back on the history they helped to make.

TAPS . . . farewell

I left Gettysburg with the sound in my ears of the most poignant, soul-stirring music in the world; the plaintive, long-drawn notes of a bugle sounding "Taps" on the hilltop beneath

Youngest Chancellor



Dr. Harry Lee Upperman, newly-elected Chancellor of Nebraska Wesleyan University at Lincoln, said to be the world's youngest college chancellor, is visiting educational leaders throughout the East in the interest of his institution's extension program. An indefatigable student of education, Dr. Upperman, at forty-two, has visited leading universities in many countries.

whose sod lie the bones of thousands who perished on the slopes and in the valley.

Row on row of white stones mark the graves of men who were buried where they fell; their names, their regiments, even the color of the uniforms they wore are forever unknown. A week before the reunion workmen unearthed another skeleton on the battlefield. All that can ever be known is that those bones, too, are an American's.

I took leave of my century-old hosts of both armies with a feeling of sorrow mingled with pride that I was of their breed, of the line of those venerable American heroes over most of whom, before another Independence Day rolls around, the bugles will be sounding "Taps," the soldier's last farewell.

BEWHISKERED FARMER ENJOYS HEARING HIS FUNERAL SERMON

Kingston, Tenn. June 26.—Bewhiskered Felix (Bush) Breazeale—who wanted "to hear what the preacher says about me"—sat happily beside his handmade coffin today while a minister eulogized him in a lengthy "funeral" sermon.

"It was the nicest funeral I ever heard," the 74-year-old Roane county farmer said. "When I die there won't be another one. This was my last funeral and I'm mighty well pleased."

While the Rev. Charles E. Jackson, of Paris, Ill., praised the fanfold merits of "Uncle Bush," a crowd estimated at more than 5,000 swarmed over the peaceful Little Cave Creek valley grove which Breazeale had chosen for his obsequies.

For more than three hours after he had been consigned to his maker, the hearty old farmer stood beside the coffin he hewed from a walnut log and shook hands with hundreds. He "autographed" scores of cards and papers with the scrawled "X" that is his signature.

Breazeale, dressed in new suit and hat, rode to the grove in a hearse that called for him at the little farm home where he lives alone.

Of the 1,111,000 swine in North Carolina, January 1, 1937, 76 per cent were slaughtered during the year for meat animals while 12 per cent of this number died from disease or other causes, reports the State Department of Agriculture.

DEATHS

MRS. A. N. DAVIS

Mrs. A. N. Davis, wife of Mr. A. N. Davis, on Route 2, Louisburg, died at her home at 2:30 Sunday morning. The funeral services were held Sunday afternoon at 2:30 at Sandy Creek Baptist Church, conducted by Rev. — Roach, and interment was made in the church cemetery. Quite a large number attended the services.

MRS. MARY WARREN WARD

Mrs. Mary Warren Ward died at the home of her son, Mr. T. W. Ward, near Epsom, Sunday night at 2 o'clock. Mrs. Ward was from Atlanta and was visiting her son when the end came suddenly. Funeral services were held at the grave at the Ward family cemetery in Nash County Tuesday afternoon at 3:30 and were conducted by Rev. John E. Ayres, assisted by ministers from Whitakers. The funeral was largely attended.

MISS SARAH E. LEONARD

Miss Sarah Elizabeth Leonard, died at her home near White Level on Thursday, July 21st, after a short illness. The funeral services were held at the home on Friday evening at 2 o'clock, conducted by Rev. Ray Harrington, and interment was made in the family cemetery nearby. Quite a large number attended the services and the floral tribute was especially pretty.

The deceased is survived by one sister, Mrs. Telle Davis, who has the sympathy of the entire community.

North Carolina cotton growers reported an average of 436 pounds of fertilizer used per acre on cotton this year which would total nearly 200,000 tons used, on the 511,000 acres in cultivation in 1938, reports W. H. Rhodes, chief of the State Department of Agriculture's statistical division.

Cotton ginners in Sampson County are making valuable improvements in their gins according to a report from J. C. Ferguson, cotton gin specialist of the State College Extension Service.

Nazi Camp Officials Convicted



YERHEAD, L. I. — The five men who received fines of \$500 each and suspended sentences are shown in the court room after hearing the verdict. Left to right: Herman Schwarzmann; Bruno Haehnel; Henry Wolfgang; Addo Bielefeld and Henry Hauck. The German-American Settlement League, Inc., operator of a camp at Yaphank, L. I. for American Nazi sympathizers, and the league's six incorporators, were all found guilty of violating the State Civil Rights Law.

CIVIL SERVICE EXAMINATIONS ANNOUNCED

The United States Civil Service Commission has announced open competitive examinations for the positions named below:

For this examination, applications must be on file with the Civil Service Commission, Washington, D. C., not later than August 10, if received from States east of Colorado, and not later than August 13, if received from Colorado and States westward.

Director of Unemployment Insurance, \$10,000 a year, Railroad Retirement Board. Broad and progressively important administrative experience in the field of government, or social insurance, or industrial relations, or labor organization, or labor legislation or railroad management, is required, except for the partial substitution of certain educational training. Applicants must not have passed their sixtieth birthday.

Closing dates extended. — The closing time for receipt of applications has been extended to the dates given above, for the examinations for—

Assistant Home Economist, \$2,500 a year, Junior Home Economist, \$2,000 a year, Junior in Home Economics Information, \$2,000 a year, Bureau of Home Economics.

Certain changes have been

made in the examination subjects for Assistant and Junior Home Economists, as shown in Amendment to Announcement No. 67.

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Bobby—Secretary Wallace.

Teacher (confounded, but she didn't give up, yet fearing what might come)—Tommy, who gives

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Tommy—God.

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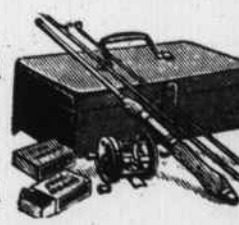
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