

Errors Obvious

Are Their Records Clear?

Critics Enjoy Reliving Gettysburg

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NEW YORK, May 18.—When Field Marshal Viscount Montgomery and President Dwight D. Eisenhower took Gen. Robert E. Lee and George Gordon Meade over the coals for the way they fought the Battle of Gettysburg, they simply said more bluntly—and with the weight of high professional authority—what a great many less distinguished critics have been saying in milder form during the last 94 years.

To be sure, no one else ever suggested that either Lee or Meade ought to have been sacked. But no battle in the Civil War, and few battles in all American military history, have given rise to more second-guessing or more spirited post-mortem critiques.

The very fact that historians are still arguing

over the might-have-beens of Gettysburg indicates that while everyone agrees that the battle was magnificently fought, great many people feel that there were certain things wrong with its direction.

NEEDED PRESSURE ON GRANT

A brief analysis of the campaign and the battle will show why these doubts arise. The campaign really began in June, 1863. Lee's Army of Northern Virginia was in camp in the vicinity of Fredericksburg, on the Rappahannock River; the Federal Army of the Potomac, opposing it, was camped across the river under Gen. Joseph Hooker, who had just led it to a stunning defeat in the bloody fight at Chancellorsville.

The Confederate government needed to launch a counter-stroke, in the West, a Union Army un-

der U. S. Grant was laying siege to Vicksburg, Miss. If Lee could invade the North, it was believed that Washington might be impelled to pull troops away from Grant, thus lessening the pressure on Vicksburg. In addition, it was hoped that such an invasion might lead England and France to recognize the Confederacy. So, early in June, Lee began to move.

He took his army up the Rappahannock, got west of the Blue Ridge, crossed the Potomac and marched into Pennsylvania. By the end of June his advance guards were approaching Harrisburg, while the rear was in Chambersburg.

INFORMATION IS SURPRISE
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Benny, Wanting To Go Home, Has Light Pneumonia

Illness Feared Since Boy Was Saved After Ordeal in Well; Sore Shoulder Isn't Fractured

MANORVILLE, N. Y., May 18.—Benny Hooper, the "boy in the well," begged to go home from the hospital today, but his doctor said "a little spot of pneumonia" would keep him there a while.

The pneumonia report came late today after blond, blue-eyed, Benny, 7, had been pronounced in good condition despite nearly 24 grueling hours trapped 24 feet down a freshly dug well.

At Bayview General Hospital in nearby Mastic Beach, Long Island, Dr. Joseph H. Kris told newsmen that x-rays had shown

a touch of pneumonia on the boy's right lung.

Pneumonia had been feared even before the boy was rescued from the sand last night, stiff and cold but still alive.

Dr. Kris said the boy was being kept in an oxygen tent tonight and needed quiet.

Shoulder Isn't Broken
Earlier, the boy had been lively. He ate his first solid food—a bowl of cereal—and reminded his father, truck driver Benjamin Sr., that he wanted a toy automobile for his birthday in July.

He was suffering from a soreness in one shoulder, but Dr. Kris said x-rays showed there were no broken bones.

Sam Woodson, 38, Negro construction worker who rescued the boy first through a rescue tunnel, had told the doctor he heard something snap as he pulled the boy out. The shoulder may have been hurt then.

The doctor earlier said the boy was "hungry, and that's always a good sign in a boy."

"He's a good boy. He doesn't complain. He does what we tell him to."

Benny's nurses went along generally with that statement, but not entirely. Benny became indignant because he was not allowed to get up to go to the bathroom.

Orders Newsmen To Leave
At one point during the afternoon, Dr. Kris walked through the front door of the hospital and shouted excitedly at newsmen gathered there.

"Get out of the premises. I want you all to leave the premises."

Asked why, he replied: "The boy has pneumonia."

The doctor, still agitated, warned reporters that "in a few minutes, if you haven't left I will call the police and have them arrested."

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GOOD REASON TO SMILE—A joyful father, Benjamin Hooper, smiles at the son for whom he had given up hope. Little Benny, 7, weakened by his day-long



OVERLOOKED DURING ORDEAL—Wendy Hooper, 6, generally overlooked during the ordeal of Little Benny's imprisonment in the well, is greeted by her father as she arrived at the hospital to see her brother.

Kefauver Doubtful of Ackerman for TVA

Sen. Estes Kefauver said here yesterday that on the basis of what he has heard and his own private inquiries, he is "not favorably impressed" with Adolph Ackerman to be a TVA director.

He said he would like to see Ackerman, but he would not have enough information at this time to know whether it would fit his nomination.

The Senate committee appointment of Mr. Ackerman as a successor to Dr. Harry A. Curtis is "academic at this time."

It was learned, meanwhile, that the Tennessee Public Power Association has wired all Tennessee Valley Senators and Presidential Assistant Sherman Adams, protesting the possible appointment of Mr. Ackerman, a TVA engineer in the authority's early days.

The wire was sent from TPPA headquarters at Chattanooga after a telephone poll of the organization's directors. The group is composed of representatives of 148 distributors of TVA electricity.

Dr. Curtis' 5-year term on the TVA Board expired Friday. Since early last week, there has been speculation that he would be succeeded by Mr. Ackerman, now a consultant in Madison, Wis.

There has also been speculation about when President Eisenhower will appoint a successor.

4 Groups Sell Shrine Newspaper

Shriners, Blue Lodge Masons, DeMolay boys and Eastern Star members will be on streets and highways today, from Lexington, Ky., and Greenville, S. C.

Proceeds from the sale will be given to three hospitals. They are the East Tennessee Children's Hospital here, and Shrine hospitals for crippled children in Lexington, Ky., and Greenville, S. C.

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Knox Girl Killed in Collision

5 Also Hurt in Wreck in Sevier

A West High School senior girl died at Baptist Hospital last night of traffic injuries suffered in a car-station wagon collision near Sevierville. Five other Knoxvilleans were injured in the wreck.

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You Can Learn To Be a Hero

THE LIFE YOU SAVE may be a swimmer. Bill Dyer has sketched water safety into today's "Whatta Life!" on Page C1. There's an editorial, "Sportsmen Mobilize Against Tragedies," on Page C4. And Rep. Howard Baker will seek a Coast Guard officer for Knoxville. Page B7.

THE SONG OF THE Open Road hitting you these days? Can't make up your mind where to drive on a pleasant Sunday afternoon? Then let the "Trip of the Week" be your guide today and for the remainder of the summer. Today's trip appears on Page C8.

WBIR-TV today launches a new series of programs aimed at civic improvement. First topic to be discussed at 1 p.m. today on Talking It Over, is "This Is Your City." For further details see Television Today on Page C7.

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Vacationing Soon?

—United Press Telephoto
HAPPY MOTHER — A smiling Mrs. Benjamin Hooper talks to newsmen at the hospital where her son, Benny Jr., is recovering. The youngster slept through the night under an oxygen tent.

S-H Analyzes Europe, Mideast

Scripture-Howard writes Charles Lucey and E. H. Shackford have been combing the world's news since January. During that time they have covered major areas in the Middle East and Europe, including a couple of points behind the Iron Curtain.

The News-Sentinel today releases a handy vacation package so that you may catch up on what's been happening around here.

Before you go, see your News-Sentinel carrier-clubman for details.

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MARTY MONCIER
Died of injuries

Dead is Marty Moncier, 17, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Moncier, Forest Glen Drive.

Injured are: Robert Anderson, 41, of 202 Mayflower Road, U. S. assistant professor of horticulture, chest injuries. He is in fair condition.

Robert Charles Anderson, his 6-year-old son, severe head injuries. He is in serious condition.

3 U-T Students Injured
Terry Hill, 17, also a West High senior and daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Oliver Hill, 4220 Towanda Trail, face cuts and bruises. She was in serious condition.

Dick Laurence, 20, a U-T student and son of Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Walker, 1423 Kenesaw Avenue, cuts and bruises. He is in fair condition.

Robert Charles Anderson, his 6-year-old son, severe head injuries. He is in serious condition.

Driver To Be Charged
State Troopers Fred Hill and J. Cantwell said young wagon, driver of the station wagon, would be charged with manslaughter.

The accident occurred at 6:15 p.m. about seven miles west of Sevierville on Chapman Highway in Sevier County.

The four students were en route to a Sigma Chi fraternity dance at the Wonderland Club Hotel at Elmwood.

The dance was called off at 10 p.m.

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