

Lenten Guideposts

How Mom Made Him A Hero

By HERB SCORE
(Herb Score, Cleveland Indians' ace pitcher, was nearly blinded by a batted ball in May 1957. In this special Mother's Day letter, he recalls the high points of his struggle for recovery.)



I usually phone you, so if this letter is a surprise the only explanation is that it's long due you. Besides, after nine months of marriage to Nancy, one of the things I've learned is that women like to be appreciated in many ways.

During those long weeks in the hospital I score there was time to think, and I saw a few things I didn't before. My memories went way back, and some were on the humorous side. Remember when I was a toddler and would open the ice box when we lived on Long Island and I'd stick my hand in it because it was the nearest thing to a ball, and I'd throw it in the air and yell, "Ball! I play ball!"

And when I made an error, you'd patiently clean up the mess on the floor, and then find a real ball for me.

When I was old enough to start throwing one, we settled at first for tennis balls against the side of the house. I'd do that for four or five hours, but you never complained, though I cracked the mortar outside and rattled the dishes all over your shelves inside.

THEN THE DAY came when you and Dad separated, and you had to support six kids. Helen and Anna Mae, and me, all by yourself. We all did what we could, but you bore the real big load, and as I look back, Mom, I still don't know how you managed.

Baseball was my one big love. I made the high school team, and you insisted that I play in the afternoons when I should have been working. Would I be in the major leagues today if you hadn't done that?

And then the streaks. All kid athletes love meat, but you heard steak was one of the best body builders, so we had it a lot, though probably you did without new clothes.

YOU GAVE ME the middle name, Jude, after the one who helps those who try to do the right thing.

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Fight For Gun Ends In Death

MAXTON (AP) — A 35-year-old Laurinburg Negro was shot in death and a highway patrolman was wounded as they struggled for a pistol in pitch black darkness on a muddy field here Sunday night.

The dead man was identified as James Archie Graham, Highway Patrolman Jack L. Stewart, based at Maxton, who was shot through the left hand, said he had attempted to arrest Graham on charges of drunken driving and driving on the wrong side of a highway. Graham, he added, had eluded him and reached off behind small store buildings on highway 74 on Maxton's east side.

Stewart was hospitalized at Scotland Memorial Hospital at Laurinburg. His condition was described as good. The time of an inquest will be determined by his recovery.

Grinding Noise, Blood In The Street

By BOB SLOUGH
News Staff Writer
(First in a series)

THREES skip along on concrete and send up a piercing screech. Metal masses against metal. A sickening thud. Bodies bobble around in the cars. One man's head slams against the windshield and he curls up on the seat. The steering wheel snaps as the driver's body rocks forward.

In the other car a door rips open and the driver tumbles out on the pavement.

Two cars. Head-on collision. Silence.

This is a wreck in Mecklenburg County.

IT HAPPENS at frequent intervals. It sets off fierce activity that touches ambulance driv-

ers, policemen, nurses, doctors, records clerks and undertakers.

Accidents in Mecklenburg County last year — cars hitting cars, trucks hitting cars, cars hitting people, cars hitting fixed objects, cars running off the road — came at the rate of 14 a day.

Damage to personal property involved in wrecks hit close to \$1.5 million. Medical expenses for the 33,344 people hurt in wrecks, time lost on jobs and burial expenses send the accident cost figure for 1958 soaring into the multi-million dollar bracket.

THERE IS ONE STATISTIC, however, upon which the dollar and cents value cannot be assessed. Forty-five people died on Mecklenburg roads last year.

Mecklenburg County Police investigated 766 traffic accidents last year. The wrecks injured 300 people, killed another 25.

Charlotte police went to 4,300 wrecks that injured 13,044 and killed 20.

It was essentially the same story in 1957. Mecklenburg County Police investigated 744 traffic accidents. Eighteen persons died and 288 were hurt.

Charlotte police investigated 8,847 accidents. Twenty people died and 11,050 were injured.

ONLY THE FIGURES change. And they tend to climb from year to year.

County Police Capt. G. A. Stephens says you can do it three ways — by law enforcement, education and engineering.

Police in Charlotte and Mecklenburg County last year charged an estimated 21,000 people with moving traffic violations.

Traffic engineers are continuously working on improved traffic patterns. Roads are being improved.

THAT LEAVES EDUCATION of the driver — and that is a big task.

"One of the most difficult things is to find a new traffic safety theme," Capt. Stephens said. "If you beat the same drum over and over the people become tone deaf."

Educating the driver is a must in traffic safety planning.

Here you have a man with a perfect driving record. He's been driving for 25 years. He gives the proper signal when he turns. He never gets over the legal speed limit. He keeps his car in tip-top condition.

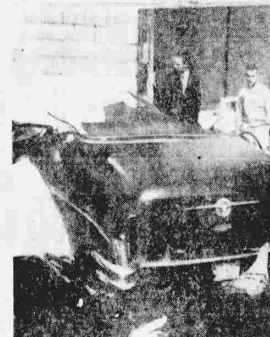
Then one day he runs off the road and hits a tree.

It's a simple mistake. Anybody could make it.

But in this deadly business a driver sometimes doesn't get the opportunity to make a second mistake because the first mistake can be his last.



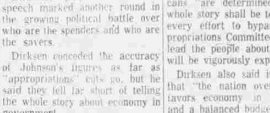
Dazed but still alive, Hardy Hargrove of Birmingham, Ala. (top), sits in car after train ripped it in two. Rear of car (bottom) landed 50 feet away, Hargrove says he didn't see the train.



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U.S. Calls For Open Meeting In Germany

Flood Rips Southward In Indiana

TERRE HAUTE, Ind. (AP) — Activity along the flooded Washbas River moved southward today as National Guardsmen fought to save a levee near Oakton, about 40 miles south of here.

Meanwhile, the crest had passed at West Terre Haute and only a small crew of volunteer workers remained on the scene to patrol the levee. Upstream a huge ice jam remained near Delhi, but thawing temperatures over the week end dislodged some big chunks and sent them floating downstream.

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A temporary dike of sandbags held firm at West Terre Haute yesterday against another small rise in the swollen river and it appeared the worst of the flooding was over at that point.

However, the Weather Bureau said it would be about two weeks before the Washbas falls below flood stage at West Terre Haute. It is expected to get below at upstream points sometime this week.

The flood routed some 150 families from their homes at West Terre Haute, and about 1,600 families upstream. However, most of the upstream families have already returned to their homes and begun the big cleanup.

Gov. Handley and other state officials took a firsthand look at some of the flooded area and the big ice jam yesterday.

Handley urged local officials to get the debris cleaned from the streams as soon as possible to prevent worse flooding after the spring thaw.

"The situation is beginning to clear up some now," Handley said, "but we've got to get busy or things will really be bad in April and May."

It is an interesting twist, said Dirksen, "and how it took the people."

But he said that the Republicans "are determined that the whole story shall be told and that every effort to bypass the appropriations Committee or to mislead the people about the budget will be vigorously exposed."

Dirksen also said it is evident that "the nation overwhelmingly favors economy in government and a balanced budget."

Two Learn The Hard Way Don't Ever Get Tangled Up With Man And Prize Dog

By JOHN KILGO
News Staff Writer

Dinah the dog had her day in County Recorder's Court this morning.

She paraded into the courtroom as pretty as you please and showed herself off as evidence right in front of the judge's bench.

Dinah's no ordinary dog. She's a blue tick coon dog and her owner, R. A. (Doc) Vance of R. L. Huntersville, says she's worth \$300.

Dinah and Doc went coon hunting Friday night, Feb. 6, and when Doc was ready to come home Dinah was chasing a coon.

WONT QUIT "And," Doc says, "when a good coon dog is chasing a coon, she doesn't quit."

home, leaving Dinah and another bound about their business.

"I knew the two dogs would come home when they got through chasing the coon," Doc says.

And the dogs did start home the next morning. But it took Dinah a little time to get there. Sam Rogers of Belmont and Ray Smith of Bryson City, spotted the dog running loose and they picked her up and put her in their car. The other dog wasn't touched.

The men and Dinah went to Mount Holly where the men, who had had a few drinks, decided to spend the night in the car. They curled up. So did Dinah.

LEAD DOG OUT Mount Holly Police Chief

Germany's Attendance Requested

WASHINGTON (AP) — The United States, Britain and France proposed to Russia today a wideopen big four conference on Germany, with East and West German advisers present.

The proposal was made in notes delivered in Moscow and scheduled for release in the Western capitals in a few hours.

West Germany sent a parallel note to Russia. The Western powers turned down Russia's Jan. 10 proposal for a 28-nation conference to write a German peace treaty which would isolate and neutralize that now-divided country.

The Soviet peace pact project was called "stupid" by Secretary of State Dulles at a recent news conference. He said it would not work.

The call for a foreign ministers meeting was worked out in diplomatic conferences by the State Department and representatives here of the British, French and West German governments. It represents a counter-proposal to the Soviet peace pact project.

At the same time it constitutes a serious bid to get negotiations started with the Russians on Germany.

It is aimed to get talks going about Russia's deadline for a new Berlin crisis. The Russians have threatened to turn over access routes to West Berlin — to the German Communists in May.

Among officials here and in other Western capitals there is strong expectation that the Soviets will agree to a foreign ministers meeting of some kind, perhaps after bargaining as to time, place and participants. The Soviets may insist on including Poland and Czechoslovakia.

TOP NAVY TOKYO (AP) — Capt. Sofo Ichihara has been named naval attaché to the Japanese Embassy in Washington. He will replace Cmdr. Hiroshi Samejima.

While Dulles III Democrats Pledge Backing On Policy

WASHINGTON (AP) — Senate Democrats promised today a full measure of cooperation with the Eisenhower administration on foreign policies during Secretary of State John Foster Dulles' illness.

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Thousands Fail To See Graham

MELBOURNE, Australia (AP) — A two-week-long queue waited up to four hours to attend evangelist Billy Graham's opening meeting yesterday of a 16-week Australian campaign. But thousands had to be turned away from Melbourne's biggest stadium, which holds 8,000, was packed to capacity.

On Tuesday Graham's meeting will be filmed for a one-hour program on American and Canadian television networks.

The American evangelist was delighted with his opening crowd of over 10,000 people who were attracted in his London and Berlin crusades.

He addressed 3,000 people who waited outside the stadium in the rain before the main meeting began. He talked from the back of a truck. In a nearby temporary building, 2,500 others unable to get into the stadium watched the service over closed-circuit TV.

Inside the stadium, Graham told his audience American eyes and ears on the Australian campaign and that a successful one here could mean a spiritual awakening in America and have an impact on the entire world.

Graham 60-62 "decisions for Christ" at the meetings, organizers of the campaign reported. He was welcomed at the opening session by U. G. Sir Edmund Herring of Victoria State and by heads of all leading Protestant churches. He will hold 25 meetings in Melbourne.

IMMUNITY REQUESTED NEW YORK (AP) — The U. S. Supreme Court has been asked to affirm that radio and TV stations are immune from libel action if they broadcast defamatory statements by a political candidate who demands libel action by his opponent.

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Our Weather

Fair and cool today and tonight. Tuesday partly cloudy and mild.

Low this morning 34
Low tomorrow morning 33
High today 58
High tomorrow 66
Sunrise today 7:08 a.m.; sunset today 6:06 p.m.

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Evening Prayer

Our Father, give us grace that we may have peace even in the midst of our anxieties. Grant to us the inner light of Christ's spirit that in all things we may live to Thy glory. We ask these things in the name of Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Saviour. Amen.