



Col. Almond E. Fisher collects his notes at the end of his speech at the A.C.S. Memorial Services with Robert Vickers on the right applauding. Photo by Wittie

Col. A. E. Fisher Speaker At Memorial Services

Lt. Colonel Almond E. Fisher, winner of the Congressional Medal of Honor in World War II, was the guest speaker at the Memorial Services held at the Andover Central School May 29th at 3:00 p. m.

The services were opened by Robert Vickers giving the "Gettysburg Address", followed by Judy Woodruff reciting "In Flanders Fields". The ACS band, directed by Gerald McClure, played several rousing martial airs that were very suitable for the occasion.

Principal James H. Kessler welcomed the guests and introduced Allegheny County American Legion Commander, Craig Snyder who then spoke on the Americanism program of the American Legion.

Craig then introduced Col. Fisher of Tonawanda, N. Y., Chief of the Contact Division Veterans Administration in Buffalo, N. Y. Col. Fisher has been the Inspector General for the 27th Armored Division of the N. Y. Army National Guard for several years and is Americanism Chairman for the 8th District of the American Legion.

The entire school attendance and teachers, as well as several members of the American Legion Lynch-Burgett Post and Auxiliary furnished an appreciative audience, but due to the limited seating capacity the general public was not able to be invited.

This being the case we are presenting Col. Fisher's inspiring message so that all our readers will be able to enjoy it:

We are gathered here in the sacred, spiritual presence of our war dead on this Memorial Day. Just as we meet here reverently, humbly, devotedly, so, in this same spirit, throughout the nation today men and women are paying homage to our nation's war dead.

Earth and life are wonderful, to be alive in this great nation is most wonderful of all.

Do you not think that our gallant war dead would like to hear from us some response of appreciation for all this?

They lived and died courageously with faith and affirmation so that our life might be even more wonderful.

We are paying honor to a unique assortment of men. We are here today to honor a brotherhood united in its very diversity.

We are here to honor the incarnation of the motto "E Pluribus Unum"—"From Many, One."

Yes, the men we honor today were as varied as they were many, and yet, miraculously they were one.

They were as different as the altars at which they prayed; they were Catholic, Protestant, and

Jewish. Yes, they were different in color too. They were white, black, yellow, red.

They were as different as the lands they left to reach our golden shores.

They were as different as men can be—one from another.

But they were alike in that they were created in God's image and they were all alike because they died for us.

THEY ARE OUR HERITAGE.

People often say, "America is great because America is rich. Because she has oil, iron, steel mills, rich farmlands, an unprecedented standard of living."

That is only partly true. America is really great because of the sacrifices these martyred dead have made on the fields of war, on the altars of battle.

America is great because we the living know well and feel deeply our obligation to our war dead.

They sacrificed their different individualities for the survival and good of America.

We must be willing to do as much in our daily lives to bury intolerance, to banish pride, to erase ignorance, to destroy hate.

We must bury, once and for all, these emotions so that an era of peace and prosperity and happiness can grow.

These emotions are the very seeds from which communism springs.

Communism has a plan to take over our country.

Premier Khrushchev stated to the then Vice President Nixon, during Mr. Nixon's visit to Moscow in 1959, that Mr. Nixon's grandchildren would be living under communism.

Is this what our Honored Dead made their supreme sacrifices for? They who passed the supreme test of American citizenship, they who preserved this America in war—did they die in vain?

Let us be alert—alert to this insidious thing known as communism that threatens to encircle us. Let us become inspired by the immortal values of our American heritage and let us resolve deep in our hearts to put love of God and Country first in our daily lives.

America will survive for all time if we have the courage to face the challenges of the cold war as they, the Honored Dead, faced the challenges of the shooting war.

If other eyes grow dull, and other hands slack, and other hearts grow cold in the solemn trust, ours shall keep it well as long as the light and warmth of life remains.

Let no vandalism or avarice or neglect, no ravages of time, testify to the present or to the coming generations that we have forgotten as a people the cost of a free and undivided republic.

"THE PRICE OF LIBERTY IS ETERNAL VIGILANCE"

News That's Print To Fit

On the way home from Wellsville last week we noticed what a horrible sight travelers were greeted with when they could see the Andover signs on the Village Dump and the terrible condition it was in, with hardly a path wide enough to drive a car or truck thru.

However on talking to Mayor Paul yesterday we were told that this situation was remedied the day before and that all's fine in Mudville.

Paul also told us that the dump is for residents of the Village and Town of Andover ONLY and that this ordinance will be enforced. ALSO, now that the dump is cleaned up, anyone not throwing or dumping garbage or refuse of any kind over the edge will be prosecuted and fined. (Let's all abide by this as there are better ways of getting into print than in the Police News!)

We noticed that some of the Taxpayers money was thrown away since last Village Board meeting as a result of a complaint to one of the Board Member's, and as a result the dwelling is sporting a new electric service of the one cable type instead of the old 3 wire but perfectly good electric wires. Must be nice to keep up with the Joneses at the Taxpayers expense. Must be you got someplace with your complaint Howard! (We have before and after pictures on file.)

William Monroe, Andover Central School Senior, won the Section V Class "B" Shot-Put Tournament title last Saturday afternoon at the track meet held at the University of Rochester.

A. C. S. Senior Wins Section V Shot-Put Class "B" Title

In order to qualify for the sectionals, an athlete must win first or second place in his county competition which "Bill" did easily. Thus in winning the title in the sectionals he defeated boys from 11 Counties which compromise Section V.

The winning toss was 46 feet 1 1/4 inches, so congratulations are in order for "Bill" Monroe for his patience and four years of training and practice.

Jack Wheaton holds the local School Record of 47 feet 1 1/4 in. made in 1951 when Mr. Murlyn Conde was track coach.

To Plan For July 4th Celebration

All organizations interested in making the July 4th Celebration a success please have representatives present at the Fire Hall on Monday, June 10th at 7:30 p. m.

Scout News

The regular monthly Pack meeting of Cub Scout Pack No. 77 was held May 28th at the Masonic Temple. The following boys received awards at this time, presented by Stanley Ormsby:

Frederick Baker, Bobcat Pin
David Baker and Michael Poole, Wolf Badge

Steven Phelps, Gold and Silver Arrow Points under Wolf

David Sootheran, Tom Polmateer and Daryl Barnes received the Webelos Award. This is the highest award a Cub can receive. It is the only Cub Scout award that can be worn on his uniform after he has become a Boy Scout.

Sunday, June 2nd the Cub Scouts and their families enjoyed a weiner roast at Island Park in Wellsville. On Wednesday, June 3rd the Webelos Cubs and their leader Clayton Barnes and fathers enjoyed a "cook-out".

Boost Your Home Town!

Hervey S. Thorne

Hervey S. Thorne, 85, of Water St., died Sunday, June 2, 1963, at the St. James Mercy Hospital in Hornell, after a long illness.

A resident of Andover for the past 60 years, he was born in New York City Oct. 17, 1877, the son of Samuel and Virginia Cornwell Thorne.

Mr. Thorne was a silk mill employe, and after his retirement he operated a nursery here.

He was married Jan. 14, 1903, to Edith May Bennett, who died Feb. 2, 1960.

Mr. Thorne was a member of the local Methodist Church and of Andover Grange.

Funeral services were held Wednesday afternoon at the Methodist Church with Rev. Alfred Gross officiating. Burial was in Hillside Cemetery, Andover.

Youth Baseball Season Launched Memorial Day

The Youth Baseball program got under way Memorial Day with the Mets and Angels meeting at the Silk Mill Diamond; the Mets emerging the victors by a score of 13-9.

Dickie Joyce, on the mound for the victors, gave up 7 hits, 9 runs and struck out 16 of the opposing Angels. John Partridge pitched 3 innings for the Angels giving up 5 hits, 12 runs and struck out 8 opponents. Danny Grant pitched 2 innings in relief and gave up 1 hit, 1 run and struck out 2 Mets.

Hitting stars for the Mets were Joe DeRemer with 3 for 3 including a double and a triple, with Dickie Joyce adding 2 singles.

For the Angels, Dave Stackwick had 3 hits, 2 doubles and a triple and John Partridge came up with 3 singles at 3 times at bat with Tom Polmateer getting a double.

Saturday, the Yankees downed the Mets by a score of 14-5. Charlie Joyce on the mound for the Yanks, pitched shut-out ball for 3 innings. Roger Barnes pitched 1 1/2 innings and Dicky Schrader pitched 1 1/2 innings. Dale Polmateer was on the mound for the losers.

Hitting stars for the Yankees were Rod Brown with a triple and Roger Barnes a double. For the Mets—Robert Brown poled a home run and Dick Joyce added a double.

The next game will be played at the Silk Mill Diamond on Friday, June 7, at 6:30 p. h. Everyone is invited to attend.

The Andover Babe Ruth team lost a squeaker to the First Trust team of Wellsville by a score of 2-0 in a tight, well played ball game at the Andover Central School Diamond last night.

The First Trust winning pitcher, Mike Cook, limited the local team to 3 hits, one each by Bob Baker, J. Bilings and J. K. Hames. The winning pitcher struck out 6 opposing batters as did Danny Smith for the home team with Danny giving up just 5 hits to the Wellsville team in a tight pitching duel.

The Andover team looked very good against a team regarded as one of the strongest teams in Allegheny County. Our Andover team shows great potential, and should give a good account of themselves in the Babe Ruth League.

The Grasshoppers will practice tonight (Thursday) at 6:30 at the High School Diamond.

Hospital Notes

Kenneth Alvord, a medical patient in the St. James Mercy Hospital, returned to his home Saturday.

Mrs. R. J. Bergerson underwent major surgery at the Jones Memorial Hospital Monday.

Victor Hann is a medical patient in the Jones Memorial Hospital.

Leonard Briggs, a surgical patient in the St. James Mercy Hospital, returned to his home Memorial Day.

Harold Emery was admitted to the Bethesda Hospital Tuesday as a medical patient.



Russell Gurtis

Russell Gurtis To Speak At Grange Hall Dedication

Russell Gurtis of Cazenovia, master of the New York State Grange, will be guest speaker at the dedication ceremonies of the new Andover Grange Hall to be held at 8:30 p. m., on Wednesday, June 12 in the recently completed building at Andover, according to Ernest Wittie of Cuba, N. Y. S., Grange Deputy.

Earl Atwell is master of Andover Grange.

The public is invited to attend the dedication. A new hall was made necessary when the old hall and grounds were purchased by the New York State Highway Department.

Miss Victoria Lynch, Lecturer of Andover will have charge of the program.

Refreshments will be served after the meeting.

Two Andover Girls Graduate From Cornell University

Miss Judie E. Baker, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Richard M. Baker, and Miss Anne M. Church, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Conrad Church, will be graduated from Cornell University in their ninety-fifth annual commencement exercises, June 10, 1963.

Both girls are graduates of Andover Central School, Class of 1959.

Miss Baker will receive a Bachelor of Science degree from the College of Home Economics where she majored in consumer economics. She is a member of Alpha Xi Delta sorority and served as chapter president her senior year. She will be the assistant 4-H Club agent in Columbia County, beginning July 1.

Miss Church will receive a Bachelor of Science degree from the College of Home Economics where she majored in food and nutrition and education. She is also a member of Alpha Xi Delta sorority and sang in Cornell Chorus. She is considering employment in several New York State schools as a home economics teacher.

Andover Pair Win Allegheny County Tournament

Joe Carr and Dan Stackwick defeated the Scio tennis doubles team to qualify for the Section V Tournament which was held at Brighton High School last Saturday afternoon.

Against Scio, the Andover duo lost the first set 12-14, but came back strong to win the next 2 sets by scores of 7-5 and 6-1.

In the sectionals they were defeated by a strong Alexander Central School team by scores of 6-7 and 6-4.