

MEMORIAL DAY — 1964

An Editorial

On Saturday, May 30, the nation will pause to honor by word and deed those who have given their lives in America's defense.

The Grand Army of the Republic observed Memorial Day for the first time on May 30, 1868.

General John A. Logan inaugurated the first official observance of Memorial Day in 1868 with this pledge: "If other eyes grow dull and other hands shake, and other hearts grow cold in the solemn trust, ours shall keep it well so long as the light of warmth, the warmth of life, remain to us."

Memorial Day signifies, perhaps more deeply than any other patriotic observance, the soul of America.

It was set aside as a Holiday to honor the dead and speak proudly of our National traditions. The American Flag was waved proudly, not cynically; people knew what it stood for and were not ashamed to doff their hats and stand at attention when it proudly passed by, carried by an interested citizen. Most people were proud to give the "Pledge of Allegiance" to the Flag of our Country, whether it was in Church, School, Fraternal Meetings or in Public Assemblies.

The patriots to be remembered in a special way on that day represent every generation of Americans. They fell in battles widely separated by distance and time—from the colonial town of Lexington to the wilderness of Vietnam, from the Spring of 1775 to the Spring of 1964. Some came of families long established in America; many others were new to the land and its promise. They differed in color, in religious profession, in political faith and in other ways which historically have divided the human family.

Yet, all had this in common — they loved their country and they died to make men free!

Compare this with the selfish motives of many people of today; pressure groups that refuse to salute the flag of our Land — or Pledge Allegiance to it; in fact even refuse to serve in the Armed Forces of our Country to defend our hard earned Liberties!

We believe that Memorial Day should be a day to honor the dead and speak proudly of our National Traditions — a day of rest and a day of peace.

It should be considered as a quiet day for sober reflection, instead of a noisy celebration. It could be spent early in the morning by decorating the graves of our War Veterans as well as the deceased of our own families. Later on, we could join the local American Legion or Veterans Program and pay homage to the departed Veterans of all Wars.

Much time, thought, planning and co-operation is put into the local Memorial Service by the different participating units. The American Legion and Auxiliary, The Woman's Relief Corps, The Andover Central School, the Churches and Clergy, Boy Scouts, Fraternal Organizations, and all others who join in the parade and take part in the services.

The success of this program can only be measured by the number of members of the community that share in the ceremonies — and by the feeling and meaning that they put into it. The Parade and services are not just for Legion Members — but for all Veterans and local Citizens that are still proud of their Uniforms, Comrades, Flag and Country.

Last year, several more War Veterans have passed on throughout the past 12 months so this calls for a bigger turn-out than in previous years.

Won't all of you Veterans that in former years watched from the sidelines — join us — and get in step with us in the parade this year?

Letter To The Editor

May 24, 1964

Dear Mr. Allen
On May 7th I sent you a check for \$3.50 to extend my subscription to your paper.

In checking my bank statement of today, I find the check has not been presented for payment. If by an chance my letter was lost will you please let me know because we certainly don't want our subscription to your fine paper, to expire. I will gladly send a new check.

Very truly yours
Margaret E. Francis
Ed. Note.—Your check was deposited last Friday. Thank you. We appreciate letters like this.

Turning Back The Pages of Andover History

(Taken from the Files of The Andover News)

50 YEARS AGO

June 5, 1914

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John Swain, 86, died Wednesday. Eight children survive.

Mrs. A. D. Brown, 76, died Friday, May 29th. A son and a daughter survive.

Miss Gertrude Osborne and Arthur Leonard were united in marriage June 2nd by Rev. F. B. Baker.

Miss Mary Ella Murray of Greenwood and Edward M. McAndrew of Andover were united in marriage Tuesday, June 2nd.

F. L. Bloss, T. J. Gilbert, Leo Snyder and Archie Bloss were in Alfred Sunday to assist in the Alfred Band at the Memorial Services.

Miss Erma Loughlin of Buffalo passed the week-end with her parents, Dr. and Mrs. E. J. Loughlin.

Miss Rose Doran is passing the week guest of Mrs. Maude Prest at Bath.

Clarence Baker of Sidney, N. Y., was a week-end guest of his mother, Mrs. Ida Baker.

40 YEARS AGO

May 23, 1924

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Mrs. Selucia Livermore, 98, died at the home of her son in Independence May 19. Two sons survive.

Dr. W. J. Grenolds informs the News that he has decided to locate at Westerly, R. I., and plans to open offices there about the first of June.

Mrs. Helena Johnson and Mrs. Forrest Gee were in Geneva this week in attendance at the Rebekah State Assembly.

Charles Caple and George Blessing left Andover Saturday by motor for the Pacific Coast.

Mrs. Wilburt Davis of Marlboro, N. J., is visiting her mother, Mrs. Ila Clarke.

Miss Carolyn Hincer of Elmira spent Sunday with Miss Mary Snyder.

30 YEARS AGO

May 18, 1934

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Mrs. Dora K. Degan, Dean of Women at Alfred University was the guest speaker at the Mother and Daughter Banquet held Tuesday evening in the Andover Presbyterian Church.

Mrs. Mary J. Beebe, 80, died at her home in Duffy Hollow, May 14th. A son and a daughter survive.

Charles Whitney, 84, died Saturday afternoon following a long illness. Two sons survive.

Elvira Edwards, 50, died Sunday, May 13th at her home in Quigg Hollow. Her husband, a son and three daughters survive.

Miss Margaret Brown of Scio and Vivian V. Sweet, Jr., of Andover were united in marriage Thursday, May 10th at Friendship.

Mr. and Mrs. Anthony Dougherty are the parents of a son, born May 9th.

A. O. Kemp and I. H. Gilfillan were in Fredonia and Dalton loading syrup several days the past week.

Mr. and Mrs. Guy Wood were business callers in Buffalo Friday.

"Red's" Racetrack Rambles

Hello again, Racing Fans! Its time again to get a "films eye view" thru the lens of "Ye Olde Shutter-bug" for an account of the week-end racing of the tracks in this area.

Friday night, Angelica opened with a near record-breaking crowd under perfect, summer-like, weather for an enjoyable evening of exciting races.

The Amateurs really had "itchy feet" and "carburetor toes" when they started the action off which resulted in many accidents during the first attempts to get by the first lap in the first heat. After several re-starts the field was narrowed down by a few cars and the boys were able to keep their cars running the "right way of the track". The 1st heat was won by No. 96, Leo Houghtaling; the 2nd by No. 48, Herbie Layfield, who also came back to win the feature; with No. 4X, Howie Slocum, coming in second; No. 03, Jerry Olin, 3rd; and No. 96, Leo Houghtaling taking 4th.

In the Modern Stock Class, most of last year's popular cars and drivers were back again with newer and faster cars. In the first heat; Ray Jordan with his familiar No. 3, took an early lead and weathered out the storm coming in first; crowd pleasing "Pete" Tingué with his new No. 32 started out with his winning ways by taking the 2nd heat and then kept his string alive by taking the first slot in the feature. "Corky" Hewitt driving No. 203 (Don Wood's Car), put on a daring exhibition to win 2nd; Sonny Wittmeyer with his new No. 58X took 3rd; Irv Hall, No. 300 placed 4th; and Ray Jordan, No. 3, came in 5th.

"Dick" Flaig with his new No. 33 really "stuck his foot in the Carb" to put on some blazing bursts of speed in working his way up through the pack only to run into bad luck and get tapped enough between the 3rd and 4th turn to put him over the bank. Luckily, "Dick" wasn't injured but from what we understand, it really put his "pit crew" through their paces as they worked all night in getting the car fixed up for the rest of the week-end racing events.

In Olean, Saturday night, the many spectators were thrilled again and again when the drivers pushed their cars "All the Way" on a lightning fast track resulting in many "crack-ups" and causing several re-starts. In fact, the track was packed down so hard that the racers' tires screeched just as if they were on asphalt and could be heard above the roar and whine of their engines.

In the Amateur Class, which has now been tabbed the "Sportsmen Division", the Show had to be re-started eight times because of accidents. Despite the many crack-ups, none of the drivers were injured seriously although one of the boys really got a thorough shaking up when he went over the bank between the 3rd and 4th turn, and from all appearances completely "totalled" his car. Howie Slocum in his No. 4X, last week's winner, won the first heat and then came back to take the feature beating out Bob Bigley 7X, in his big Lincoln-powered 1937 Ford who placed 2nd. The 2nd heat was won by F. Green, No. 131; and the "Consy" was taken by B. Givan in 71X.

In the "Super-B" Class, Bill Brainard of Depew, driving No. 18 — the Doc Hoctor Special, came out on top of the pack after a tight feature race. Stroker Mac-Gurk, No. 35; Gil Frisbie, No. 2; and Pat Judson, No. B-13, came in

the runners-up slots after battling it out for the entire 30-lap feature. Frank Chapman No. 111, was running up through the pack after the No. 1 spot when he left rear wheel in front of the twisted off an axle and lost his stands putting him out of action as well as Ken Crain in No. 8 who got tangled up with him as he came to a halt.

Sonny Drake, No. 91, took the first heat; Bill Brainard, No. 18, took the 2nd heat; and Gil Frisbie, No. 2, took the "Consy".

This coming week the Mystery Driver will return to Olean Speedway in the Hale Special as well as Bud Phearsdorf who suffered some motor trouble and had to pull out of this last race.

Track Officials announced that all children 12 and under will still be admitted free, when accompanied by their parents, this next week.

Over at Perry Raceway on Sunday, The Boys—"Rog" and "Don" had another over-flowing crowd for their big 3 Star Card, with a beautiful hot day served up together with spine-tingling action.

In the Amateur Division: Bob Fite, No. 711, won the 1st heat; LaVern Pangrazio, No. 311, took the 2nd heat; Don Jetter, No. 17, came in first in the 3rd heat; with Clarence Blackman, No. 10, taking the "Consy". In the feature, Bobby Laird, No. 240, took 1st; Jerry Olin, No. 03, took 2nd; and Herb Layfield in No. 48 from Wellsville took 3rd.

In the "Super-Sport" Class Geno Swarouth, No. 30, from Wellsville made his debut in the winners circle in the 1st heat; Art Clark, No. 7, took the 2nd heat; and then came roaring back to take 1st in the feature for the third week in a row. Our old friend "Don" Daniels from Perry in his familiar No. 25 jumped to an early lead in the 2nd heat but still seems to be plagued with bad luck as his engine was cutting out on the turns which dropped him back into the No. 3 slot in that race.

In the Modern Division: Corky Hewitt in his No. 2T took the 1st heat; Eddy Anchor, No. 55, won the 2nd heat; and "Dick" Flaig in his No. 33 captured his first feature win at Perry; closely followed by "Art" Clark in his No. 7; and right behind him "Pete" Tingué in No. 22.

With these three "Big Boys" really battling it out in pretty well even matched cars, this coming week-end's full racing card promises to be an exciting "bang-up" affair with no holds barred.

In other racing action Saturday night, the Sportsman's Raceway at Mills, Pa., got off to a flying start with a very good crowd of spectators.

This being the first race of the season for most of the drivers, several ran into last minute troubles with their cars and were unable to participate.

Don Kio, Ulysses, Pa., won the feature race in the "B" Modified Class and Charles Burrows, Tioga, Pa., took first place in the Novice Class.

Basil Shutt, Wellsville, leaped to an early lead and ran ten laps without being passed to win the Australian pursuit race.

Last night, the Sportsman's Raceway had its first Wednesday night opening with lots of excitement.

Keith Wheaton of Ulysses, Pa., started the night off with a roll-over in the 2nd lap during the first race of the evening damaging his car so he was unable to finish the race.

Charlie Burrows of Tioga won top honors in the Novice Class. Billy Layfield, Wellsville, took first place in the Modern Division.

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