

THE PRICE THEY PAID A Borrowed Editorial

Have you ever wondered what happened to those men who signed the Declaration of Independence?

Five signers were captured by the British as traitors, and tortured before they died. Twelve had their homes ransacked and burned. Two lost their sons in the Revolutionary Army, another had two sons captured. Nine of the 56 fought and died from wounds or the hardships of the Revolutionary War.

What kind of men were they? Twenty-four were lawyers and jurists. Eleven were merchants, nine were farmers and large plantation owners, men of means, well educated. But they signed the Declaration of Independence knowing full well that the penalty would be death if they were captured.

They signed and they pledged their lives, their fortunes, and their sacred honor.

Carter Braxton of Virginia, a wealthy planter and trader, saw his ships swept from the seas by the British navy. He sold his home and properties to pay his debts, and died in rags.

Thomas McKean was so hounded by the British that he was forced to move his family almost constantly. He served in the Congress without pay, and his family was kept in hiding. His possessions were taken from him, and poverty was his reward.

Vandals or soldiers or both, looted the properties of Ellery, Clymer, Hall, Walton, Gwinnett, Heyward, Rutledge, and Middleton.

At the Battle of Yorktown, Thomas Nelson, Jr., noted that the British General Cornwallis, had taken over the Nelson home for his headquarters. The owner quietly urged General George Washington to open fire, which was done. The home was destroyed, and Nelson died bankrupt.

Francis Lewis had his home and properties destroyed. The enemy jailed his wife, and she died within a few months.

John Hart was driven from his wife's bedside as she was dying. Their 13 children fled for their lives. His fields and his grist mill were laid waste. For more than a year he lived in forests and caves returning home after the war to find his wife dead, his children vanished. A few weeks later he died from exhaustion and a broken heart.

Norris and Livingston suffered similar fates.

Such were the stories and sacrifices of the American Revolution. These were not wild-eyed, rabble-rousing ruffians. They were soft-spoken men of means and education. They had security, but they valued liberty more. Standing tall, straight, and unwavering, they pledged: "For the support of this declaration, with a firm reliance on the protection of the Divine Providence, we mutually pledge to each other, our lives, our fortunes, and our sacred honor."

The distractions which surround us must not obscure in our minds the means of preserving what our forefathers gained for us nearly 200 years ago. Those patriots lit a lamp that still burns brighter than any other and if we tend it well will continue to shed its warm and kindly light long after the cold flame of despotism has burned itself out.

They gave us an independent America.

Can we keep it?

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**"Red's" Racetrack Rambles**

Hello Again, Racing Fans! Looks as if someone is going to have to take that old "Weather-Man" off to one side and give him a good talking to! We know that rain is needed badly in this whole area—but why not have it during the week instead of the week-end?

Yep, the showers Friday afternoon were pretty general and rained off the races in Angelica and even left a pretty good sized puddle at Olean that was still there Saturday night.

With an Indian Reservation not too far away, looks as if the Fair Board should hire themselves some professional "No-Rain Dancers".

At the Olean Speedway Saturday night the excited spectators saw "Little Joe" beat "Mighty Moe" in a thrill packed race.

In a startling upset, "Little Joe" Tomes, No. 13, of Olean, who has been in the racing game for eight years, won his first feature race and really sweetened up his victory by beating out "Mighty Moe" Kessler, No. 41 from Delevan, high point man Don Wood, No. 203, Bolivar, and the rest of the field of 38 modern stocks, including NASCAR Ace, Ron Wiley No. K-7 of Buffalo, at Olean Speedway Saturday night.

In the thrilling feature race, the awe-stricken fans saw Tom Ginnery, No. 77, take a spectacular dive over the bank between No. 3 and 4 turns in the first lap, necessitating the only restart of this race. Luckily for Tom, neither he nor his car were injured, and as soon as it was winched back onto the track by the Official Track wrecker, he was able to resume the race and still finish in the money.

Olean's "Little Joe" jumped to an early lead, and while the other top drivers such as Ray Jordan, Moe Kessler, Don Wood, Zon Davison, Don French and NASCAR driver, Ronald Wiley, as well as many others, were battling their way up through the pack, Joe was able to build up a substantial lead which his competition was never able to close.

One of the most spectacular episodes of the race was when Don Wood, No. 203, clipped Ray Jordan on No. 4 turn, spinning him completely around so that Moe Kessler who was hot on Ray's bumper plowed head-on into his stalled car, forcing Moe to lose precious seconds getting the tortured tin apart. As a result of this unfortunate pile-up, Ray was forced from the race although he managed to coax his crippled car out of the groove and off of the track. Moe more fortunate than Ray, through his sheer power and driving skill, managed to close the gap on the leader "Little Joe", and finish a close second. Don Wood lost no time at this point, but later on in the race was clipped by Willis Dietz, No. 92, on the No. 2 turn damaging his car so that a few laps later, he had to drop from the running.

Don French, No. 555, also of Delevan (the triple nickel), who made his debut at Olean Speedway Saturday night, weathered a rather rough storm when he tangled with Merv Treichter, No. 58, of Sanborn, on about the 12th lap, which saw a good portion of the body on the driver's side on Don's car torn away but this didn't prevent him from continuing the race, however, with Don ending up in the 4th slot.

The Sportsmen Feature, which had to be restarted three times was really a "Rock 'em-Sock 'em" affair with less than half of the 23 qualifying cars which were in the line-up, finishing the race. This event was climaxed with a thrilling human interest finish, which saw two brothers, both drivers, John Weaver, No. 77, and Don Weaver, No. 27, placing first and second respectively.

This race had all appearances of a demolition derby from start to finish with so many crashes throughout the race that it was practically impossible to keep a separate account of them. One of the more unfortunate spills saw high pointman, Howie Slocum, No. 4X, Allentown, bounce high off of the retaining wall on the home

stretch just in front of the starter's stand and continue on around the track only to be forced to abandon his car in the middle of the track on the backstretch with another car directly behind him in the same predicament. After the race, winner, John Weaver, remarked that in the latter part of the race, the track was more of an obstacle course than a speedway with so many disabled cars abandoned around the track. Competition was so keen among the 58 participating cars at Olean Speedway, with each driver trying to outdo himself that the whole evening's program was lengthened due to the many crashes, accidents, spin-outs and resultant restarts that began with the Sportsmen and continued on through the modern heats and both features.

Hard luck for the night again was Ray Jordan, No. 3, who had his car back in top notch running condition to win the second modern heat in a hands down finish, only to be taken out in the Modern Feature.

Dame fortune also frowned on Moe Kessler in the third heat when Moe spun out with a broken axle on the No. 4 turn while running neck and neck with NASCAR pilot, Ronald Wiley, No. K-7.

For a Re-cap of the races: In the Sportsmen Division; Dave Fredericks, No. 211, won the 1st heat; Don Weaver, No. 27, took the 2nd heat with Howie Slocum, No. 4X, tight to his bumper; Ed Schwanz, No. 50, captured the 3rd heat; with Tiny Timame, No. 80X, taking the "Consy"; and John Weaver, No. 77, winning the "Chekker" in the Feature with his brother, Don Weaver, No. 27, placing second.

In the Moderns, Ed Baldwin, No. 3X, won the 1st heat; Ray Jordan, No. 3, took the 2nd heat with NASCAR driver Ronald Wiley, No. K-7, close behind; "Little Joe" Tomes, No. 13, emerged victor in the hotly contested 3rd heat, with Jim Hakes, No. 37, and Don Wood, No. 203, in close pursuit; and Willis Dietz, No. 92, took the "Consy". In the Feature "Little Joe" Tomes, No. 13, took the 1st slot; Moe Kessler, No. 41, came in a close 2nd; Jim Hakes, No. 37, placed 3rd; Don French, No. 555, (triple nickles) came in 4th; and Roger Treichter, No. 74, placed 5th.

Incidentally fans, have you ever wondered what it is like riding in the cockpit of one of these Moderns? Well, this past Saturday night our friend Ray Jordan with his familiar No. 3 took us for a ride while he was warming up his car just prior to the races.

Needless to say, it was a big thrill, and when Ray really "poured the coal on" going around those curves and on the straight-aways—it seemed as if we had plenty of flying speed up and were already for a quick take-off! With no mufflers and that new '64 Corvette engine winding at least 6,000 RPM's, you'd better believe that it was more than a little bit noisy behind the wheel, then too—if you have ever ridden in a lumber wagon, you would have almost a perfect description of the way these hot cars are set up to handle so they won't bounce on the curves and bumps. We can readily understand how one can "get the fever" after driving a few times because if we were a few years younger more than likely we would be trying to get someone to sponsor us in a "Hot Dodge" or Plymouth—just as long as it was in the Chrysler family.

In other action at the Sportsman's Raceway in Ulysses, Pa., Saturday night, it was necessary to halt the Novice Feature on the first lap as a three car pile-up in the three and four turn resulted in a roll-over for Ken Perry of Coudersport. Ken was uninjured but his car was damaged and unable to return for the race.

As the race was restarted Phil Pipe of Corning gained an early lead being followed very closely by Bob Williams of Woodhull. With only two laps to go, Williams in trying to pass Pipe, hit the bank rolled over and skidded to a stop in front of the Flagman. The race was stopped at this point and declared finished with Phil Pipe taking first place and Bob Williams second. Don Halladay of (Continued on Page Three)

**50 YEARS AGO**

July 31, 1914

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Mrs. John Wilcox, 69, died at the home of her daughter in York, N. Y., Monday. Surviving are her husband and three daughters.

Mr. and Mrs. E. Guttinger of Hornell are the parents of a daughter born Monday night at the home of her parents, Dr. and Mrs. E. J. Loughlen.

Harold and Clarence Hardy left Wednesday for Tecumseh, Mich., for a visit with their father, Dr. P. B. Hardy.

Mr. and Mrs. Lou Dunning are the parents of a daughter, born Saturday.

A. B. Richardson of Fort Worth, Texas, is visiting at the home of his mother-in-law, Mrs. Eliza Stillman and greeting his many local friends.

Mrs. Wilburt Davis and two sons of Middle Island, W. Va., are visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. S. Clarke.

Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Lever have returned from a 10-day vacation trip to Lake Erie.

40 YEARS AGO

July 18, 1924

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Miss Helen Rogers of Andover and George Stephens of Englewood, N. J., were united in marriage Wednesday, July 16th at the home of her brother, Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Rogers of Buffalo.

Mrs. Harry Bagley and children have returned to their home in New York City after passing two months with her parents Mr. and Mrs. Wm. McDonough.

Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Strong and daughters, Helen and Marguerite of Philadelphia, Pa., are visiting at the home of her father, Mr. and Mrs. Al Brown.

Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Phillips, daughter, Mary and son, Francis of New York City were guests of Andover relatives over the week-end en route to Seattle, Washington where Mr. Phillips will attend the Annual Meeting of the State Insurance Commission.

Mrs. Eugene O'Leary and daughter of Sugar Grove, Ohio are visiting Andover relatives and friends.

Mrs. Leon Cook and children of Raleigh, N. C. are visiting her mother, Mrs. E. A. Howard.

Miss Thelma Alvord is home from Washington, D. C., where she is in training for a nurse.

Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Beadle of Buffalo are visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Pardon.

30 YEARS AGO

July 13, 1934

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Francis J. Vickers of Andover and Miss Sarah P. Bly of Greenwood were united in marriage Wednesday, July 11th.

Miss Helen Hope of Andover and Clifford E. Wilkins of Allentown were married July 4th.

Miss Dorothy A. Coleman of Andover and Richard Johnson of Wellsville were united in marriage July 7th.

Mr. and Mrs. Austin Mee of Rochester are the parents of a son, born July 3rd.

Miss Gertrude O'Connell left Wednesday for Trenton, N. J., where she will visit Miss Rose Dawson.

Elbert Cable returned Monday night from New York City sponsored by the Hornell Tribune, for which he won a contest.

Mrs. Etta Macaubly of Alberta, Canada, is visiting Andover relatives and friends.

Erwin D. Baker, John Vincent and Ames Rogers attended the Presbytery at Hornell, Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Robinson and Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Robinson of Allentown left Sunday for Baker, Montana to visit their son and brother, Mr. and Mrs. Harland Robinson.

Mr. and Mrs. Mark Sheppard and son, Mark, Jr., arrived Saturday night from Spruce Pine, N. C. Mark, Sr., returned Sunday. Mrs. Sheppard and son remained for a visit with her parents, Atty. and Mrs. C. L. Earley.