

46th Birthday Anniversary Of American Legion

A Birthday Celebration is being sponsored again this year by the Lynch-Burgett Legion Auxiliary Unit at the Legion Home on Saturday, March 6th at 6:30 p. m. The American Legion was founded March 15-17, 1919, during a caucus, attended by representatives of the various outfits of the American Expeditionary Force, in Paris, France. As these war-weary delegates assembled for the Paris meeting, they brought with them the raw materials with which to build an association of veterans dedicated to a continuation of their services as civilians wherever needed through an expressed devotion to God and Country.

Today, The American Legion—made up of the men and women who served in the uniform of this nation during World War I, World War II, and the Korean War—continues its service of distinction to community, state and nation. From its very beginning, the Legion has endeavored to develop a dynamic conviction of Americanism in order that the people of this great nation shall never lose sight of their precious heritage and future citizens shall be well instructed in their civic responsibilities. Some of the Americanism programs of the American Legion are as follows:

High School Oratorical Contest, Boys State, Baseball, Education and Scholarship and Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts of America. Flag etiquette and countless other services and programs which will make our community a better place in which to live.

The American Legion's program of national security is based on the premise that this nation's military strength shall be maintained at a level necessary to champion the cause of peace and freedom against the challenge of would-be aggressors.

Through its many contributions and services performed for the betterment of its respective communities, The American Legion has become identified throughout the land as an organization good for any home town.

At this Birthday Anniversary Dinner, three World War I Veterans will be honored for 45 years Continuous Membership, 15 World War II Veterans will be honored for 20 years, and three Korean War Veterans for 10 years.

Present Post Membership is 96. 5 more 1965 members are needed to equal 1964's total membership of 101. If these 5 additional members are signed up by the night of the Birthday Dinner, the Lynch-Burgett Legion Post No. 397 would be eligible to receive their 5th Continuous Department and National Membership Award.

Scout News

The Cub Scout Pack No. 77 will hold a skating party at Funcrest Skating Rink in Wellsville, Sunday, February 28th from 2 to 4 p. m.

Anyone with out transportation please contact Scoutmaster John Cannon, 478-5694 by Noon Sunday.

New Arrivals

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Bush (Agnes Joyce) of Wellsville are the parents of a son, born Thursday, February 18, 1965 at the Jones Memorial Hospital. Mr. and Mrs. Leo Joyce are the maternal grandparents.

Mr. and Mrs. Irving L. DuBois (Sharon Eichorn) of Greenwood, R.D. 1, are the parents of a son, born Tuesday, February 23, 1965 at the St. James Mercy Hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. William J. Woodruff are the parents of a son, born Wednesday, February 24, 1965. Mr. and Mrs. Woodruff are the parents of the paternal grandparents.

Rev. Fred Church

Rev. Fred W. Church, 79, died Monday, February 22, 1965 in Jones Memorial Hospital. He had resided in Elm Valley since his retirement from the ministry in 1957.

Born Nov. 16, 1885, in Addison, he was the son of John M. and Emily Dickinson Church. The Rev. Mr. Church attended Taylor University and Garrett Biblical Institute, entering the ministry in 1910.

Until his retirement, he served at churches in Wyoming, Illinois, Ohio, Pennsylvania and at Binghamsport, Oneonta, Worcester, Decatur, Silver Springs, and was interim pastor at the Presbyterian Church in Andover.

Surviving are his wife the former Jessie B. Strickland, whom he married in 1913; two daughters, Mrs. Frances A. Leathersich of Almond and Mrs. Caroline E. Zarkin of Mexico City; a son, Frederick C. Church, of Baton Rouge, La.; four sisters, Mrs. Raymond Galt and Mrs. B. F. Russell of Worcester, Mrs. W. T. Applebee of Lockport and Mrs. Ralph Baker of Boulder, Colo.; a brother, Maynard D. Church of Mount Dora, Fla.; nine grandchildren and several nieces and nephews.

Funeral services will be conducted at 2 p. m., Friday in the Mulholland Funeral Home in Wellsville with the Rev. Glenn Bucher of the First Methodist Church officiating. He will be assisted by the Rev. C. Duane Butler of the First Methodist Church of Newark Valley. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery, Wellsville.

Eagle Scout Recognition Dinner

Eagle Scout Recognition Dinner was held Friday, February 19, at 6:30 p. m., at The Castle Restaurant in Olean N. Y.

Six Eagle Scouts from Allegany County that received their awards during 1964 were presented The Good Citizenship Award by Craig Snyder, Allegany County Boy Scout Chairman of the American Legion. Roger Barnes of Troop 42, Andover was present to receive his award, attaining his rank in December 1964.

A very tasty dinner was served courtesy of the Clark Bros., Co., Olean. Charles C. Noble, Dean of Syracuse University was the guest speaker, with the Seneca Council Executive and President in attendance.

Also present were: Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Barnes, John Murray Scoutmaster of Troop 42 and other representatives of the 8th District American Legion.

Library News

Memorials:
Given by Mr. and Mrs. Raymond O. Snyder and Mr. and Mrs. Craig Snyder in memory of Mrs. Gordon Cartwright:
"Forever Old, Forever New", by Emily Kimbrough
Given by the Fuller Restaurant and Andover National Bank Bowling Teams in memory of Mrs. Pearl Prentice:
"The Book of Country Crafts" by Johnston

Other New Books:
"Earth, My Friend", by Peter Townsend
"Rupert Brooke, A Biography", by Christopher Hassall
"The Nameake", by C. Walter Hodges
"Curious George Takes A Job", by H. A. Rey

Mr. and Mrs. George Harrison (Doris Morrison) of Greenwood, R.D., are the parents of a daughter, born Wednesday, February 24, 1965 at the St. James Mercy Hospital.

News That's Print To Fit

Hello again folks! Well, the weather has sort of run the gamut which included below zero weather, a little snow, warm weather and rain on Sunday and then sleet and freezing rain last night, with it turning warmer today and raining to wash off the ice that had formed during the night.

Here are the recorded temperatures for the past week as given to us by the boys down at the pump station: Friday the 19th: L-7, H-5; 20th, L-10 below, H-18; 21st, L-22, H-43; 22nd, L-1 below, H-7; 23rd, L-8 below, H-18; 24th, L-5, H-37; and today, L-28, present temp 37 and raining.

While talking about the weather reminds us that we received a card from Bill Lang in Florida telling us how nice and warm it is down there and suggesting that we come down to the Sunshine State to recuperate. With the temperature down there ranging from 78 up into the 80's, there's nothing we'd like to do better — but — there is a grindstone that has to be kept turning and the endless treadmill has to be kept running fast enough to turn out at least money enough to pay all the taxes that the State is known for. Not only that, we have to pay in advance — not spend as you go; and of course we aren't allowed to follow the example set by the State and Federal Government of "spending in deficit" — and letting our children and grandchildren pick up the tab.

By the way, have you ever noticed how the Federal and State Government are so adroit as to tell us: "to do as they say" — not "do as they do". They pass a law that it is illegal to affix (or stick) anything on the windshield of your car — and then come right back and make us have our cars inspected (for a nominal fee) and then we must have a sticker stuck on the windshield on the driver's side to show that we have complied with this law.

They pass a law that it is unlawful to string anything across a State Highway — and yet by paying a special fee — you can get permission to break the law. They tax hell out of the motorists — on his car, tires, gas, etc., — supposedly to build roads with — and then divert the money for other expenditures and THEN HAVE THE GALL to propose doubling the auto registration fee, and raising the tax on gasoline for a road building program! Just how much more are we going to stand — and where will it end?

Another thing we can't understand is how the President can tell about his plans for "The Great Society" with aid to be forthcoming to all depressed areas and individuals — and yet on the other hand allow plans to be made to close the Bath Veterans Administration Center — when it is in the heart of a depressed area and will put many people out of work.

This, despite the fact that from now on more and more World War II Veterans are going to need Hospital and Medical care for Service-Connected disabilities. Many of us Veterans served our Country during the war — with some, or all of us going through hell (Sherman said: "War is Hell" — who are we to argue with him) — for an average of about \$100 a month, we imagine. Thus it would seem that the Politicians and grateful citizens could at least see to it that the disabilities that we incurred in service are taken care of — in hospitals near enough to our homes so that our families can come and see us a couple of times a week.

How about doing something about it yourself? Like writing a letter to our Senators and Congressman — or getting up a bunch of petitions to send in to them — to let them know that the sacrifices the Veterans made, and are making, aren't forgotten.

Don't Forget Bloodmobile On Monday March 8th

It takes all types of blood for a blood bank. 46 out of 100 donors have type O blood, 40 have type A blood, 10 have type B blood and 4 have AB blood, 7 have O negative, 6 have A negative, 1 1/2 have B negative and less than 1 is AB negative.

Thousands of people donate blood through the Red Cross Blood Program each month, which makes it possible to keep all types generally available for all blood needs of all patients in area hospitals. To assure a full supply at all times, donate at Andover Central School on Monday, March 8., from 1 - 7 P. M.

All persons interested in donating blood, please call and make an appointment with Glenn E. Bronson, phone Andover 478-4611. If unable to make appointment come at your convenience between 1 and 7 P. M. on March 8th.

Bath VA Staff Cited For Quality

Nicholas Lynch, Jr., of Washington, D. C., assistant director of the National Rehabilitation Commission of the American Legion states that "The professional staff at the Bath VA Center is one of the most highly qualified groups in the entire VA system and most private hospitals, as well."

Lynch, who has been inspecting the Bath VA facilities for several days, informed area and Steuben County Legion Officials of this observation.

Lynch was on a fact-gathering mission for National Commander Donald E. Johnson, and will present the Legion's position about the planned VA closings to the hearing of the House of Representatives Veterans Affairs Committee March 2.

The high quality of the VA center in Bath, Lynch said in his statement, is "contrary to some of the statements emanating from the VA Central Office in Washington that it is difficult to attract the caliber of professional people needed to render the highest type of medical care. Not even the large hospitals affiliated with medical schools have as large or larger percentage of board certified doctors on their staff as the VA Hospital at Bath", he asserted.

He urged the fight to be carried on by the veterans' organizations, civic groups and citizens. "They must persist in their pressure on their senators, representatives and the President to see that funds are appropriated to carry out any needed modernization or replacement of the domiciliary building."

Finally, he requested continued individual writings to President Lyndon B. Johnson, U. S. Senators Jacob E. Javits and Robert F. Kennedy and Congressman Charles E. Goodell to thwart the VA directive and ask that the "closings of the VA Center be permanently stopped."

Legion Auxiliary Notice

The regular meeting of the Lynch-Burgett American Legion Auxiliary will be held in the downstairs rooms at the Legion Home Monday night, March 1st at 8 o'clock.

All members please wear your caps. Lunch committee for the evening is: Mrs. Teresa McAndrew and Mrs. Lulu Emery.

Masonic Notice 1865 Centennial 1965

The regular Communication of Andover Lodge No. 558 F. & A. M., will be held Monday evening, March 1, at 8 o'clock. Brother Russell Millman of Elmira will give a talk and show slides on the Food Industry. All Master Masons welcome. Refreshments.

George "Bucky" Straight Honored At Dinner Party

George Straight, known to his many friends as "Bucky", of the Hornell-Almond Road was honored at a retirement dinner party Saturday night in the State Armory on Seneca St., in Hornell.

Around 50 members and former members of the Guard Unit stationed at the Armory attended and enjoyed the wonderful roast beef dinner prepared and served by the present company cooks.

First Sergeant Harry Lorow, a member of the present unit and Army Employee, was toastmaster at the dinner. The invocation and benediction were given by the Rev. Ward B. Flaxington who was an honored guest at the party.

Captain Harold Hand of Belmont, present Company Commander, as well as all living Post CO's spoke briefly in tribute to Mr. Straight. These included: Capt. David Decker of Almond, who is on active duty in the Army having just returned from a 2-year tour of duty in Korea; Captain Charles R. France of Hornell, Major Ralph A. Allen, Andover; 1st Lt. Warren D. Rahmlow of Angelica; and Captain Milton Ordway of Hornell.

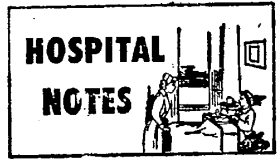
"Bucky" enlisted in Co. "K", 108th Infantry Regt., during World War I, serving from April 1917 until March 1919 which included overseas duty in France.

After his discharge from active duty, he again enlisted in Co. "K" in 1919 and was still with the Company when it was inducted into active duty in 1940, serving until Feb. 1941 when he returned home and joined Co. "F", 21st Regt. of the New York State Guard. In Feb. 1948, the company was federalized as Co. "K", 108th Inf., and George served as 1st Sgt. continuously until Jan. 1957 which included the change-over from Infantry to Armored Infantry as Co. "D", 174th Armd. Inf. Bn.

George was employed at the Armory as a State Employee in August 1926 and served continuously in different positions including Armory Superintendent from June 19, 1955 until his retirement in August 1964 because of his health.

The dinner honoring his service and retirement had been postponed since last summer due to his hospitalization and several major operations.

He was presented a letter of commendation from the Division of Military and Naval Affairs of the State of New York, and a merchandise gift certificate from fellow employees, loyal friends and members of the National Guard Unit.



HOSPITAL NOTES

Mrs. Encil Glover and infant daughter, Donna Lynn, returned to their residence on Rochambeau Ave., Friday from the St. James Mercy Hospital.

Howard C. McAndrew of Rochambeau Ave., was admitted to the Robert Packer Hospital at Sayre, Pa., Tuesday for observation and treatment. Mrs. McAndrew accompanied him for a few days.

Niles Sherman was admitted to the Robert Packer Hospital at Sayre, Pa., last Thursday. He plans to returned to his home today (Thursday).

Firemen's Notice

The Andover Volunteer Fire Dept. meeting will hold its regular meeting on Tuesday evening, March 2nd at 8 o'clock.