

THE MEANING OF FLAG DAY

An Editorial

Every June 14th we celebrate Flag Day to commemorate the passing of a historic resolution. What and when was this made?

On June 14, 1777, Congress passed a resolution which read: "Resolved—that the Flag of the United States be thirteen stripes, alternate red and white; that the Union be thirteen stars, white on a blue field, representing a new constellation."

The first public announcement of June 14 as Flag Day was made in 1877, when Congress officially named the day as a national holiday to celebrate the 100th anniversary of this resolution.

Since that time, interest in Flag Day has risen and fallen along with public attitude towards National Patriotism in almost regular cycles.

Whenever a National crisis seemed imminent, orators and statesmen would beat on the drum, military men would rattle sabers and the sparks of Patriotism would be fanned into a new fire and new interest in the Flag of our Country.

Thus it was in 1915 when Woodrow Wilson made this statement upon the re-establishment of National Flag Day on June 14th: "Many circumstances have recently conspired to turn our thoughts to a critical examination of the conditions of our national life, of the influences which have seemed to threaten to divide us in interest and sympathy of forces within and forces without that seemed likely to draw us away from the happy traditions of united purposes and action of which we have been so proud." Two years later—under the same President we were embroiled in World War I.

Roughly 25 years after this statement was made, another President in a re-election campaign said: "I hate war, Eleanor hates war" etc., ending with a promise something like this: "Mothers, I promise you—If I am re-elected—your sons will never set foot on foreign soil". Then of course this fireside chat was closed with a prayer. A short time later we were in World War II and many of us toured Europe and many other foreign countries on foot to the tune of burp gun and machine gun fire.

Today, although our Flag has grown from its original 13 stars to the present 50, the need for every home in America to fly the Flag on Flag Day grows with each passing year to keep alive our spirit of Patriotism.

Recently, on Memorial Day, our Community paid tribute to our war dead with all the dignity befitting the occasion.

However, if you drove around, how many flags did you see displayed or flying? What has happened to the fine old custom of "Showing the Flag"—not only in front of, or from the roofs of public and business buildings, but from the porches of private homes as well.

In "Yesteryears", on Holidays and festive occasions, red-white-and-blue bunting was used as a decoration—but how many of us have seen this in the past few years?

There was a sense of pride in our country behind all this. The flag was thought of as a symbol of many things—of a free people, of a world power, of a land of opportunity, whatever the faults and ills might be, of the rights and obligations of both the individual citizen as well as the politicians alike.

Old customs, fallen largely into disuse, can be revived and given new life and breath.

Selfishness, greed, apathy and complacency weakens the spirit of patriotism, which in turn, gives Communism a chance to stick its foot in our door.

Help fight this Red menace by displaying our Flag on every National Holiday and remind ourselves, friends and neighbors, that this Flag is the symbol of our American principles of Justice, Freedom and Democracy.



50 YEARS AGO

June 4, 1915

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Mr. and Mrs. Patsy Gallagher of Salamanca are the parents of a daughter, born Monday. Mrs. Clara Crandall is caring for them.

Mrs. Miranda Wilcox Beech, a life-long resident of Independence died May 22nd at the home of her daughter, Mrs. J. C. Stout of Hallspport.

William Clarke died at his home in Independence Tuesday. Burial was in the Independence Cemetery.

Mr. and Mrs. George Robinson and daughter of Spencer, N. Y., are visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Byron Howland of Elm Valley.

Rev. W. H. Randall, Mrs. R. B. Burrows and Miss Minnie Clair were among the delegates from the Andover Baptist Church to the Baptist Association in Belmont this week.

Mrs. Addie Coleman has returned from several weeks visit at the home of her sister, Mrs. G. W. Probasco of Flemington, N. J.

Mrs. P. C. Lynch went to Salamanca Monday to visit her daughter, Mrs. P. Gallagher and new granddaughter.

Mrs. Earl Carpenter and children of Salem, W. Va., are visiting her father, Walter Lanphear.

Mrs. L. A. June of Jasper is visiting her daughter, Mrs. C. E. Brown for a few weeks.

Clayton Bennett of Canistota has been visiting Andover relatives this week.

Miss Ruby Snyder spent the week-end in Alfred, guest of Marion Howe.

40 YEARS AGO

June 5, 1925

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Dean J. Horan, who has been manager of the Endicott Johnson Shoe Store in Schenectady, has been promoted to district manager for that company.

Mrs. Martin Youngs of Greenwood is spending a few days with her daughter, Mr. and Mrs. John Swarts and family of West Greenwood.

Mrs. E. R. Crandall of Independence was a guest of her sister, Mrs. Nora Burdick at Alfred, last week.

Mr. and Mrs. U. V. Davis and son, Robert of Rochester visited his parents from Friday until Sunday. Mrs. L. E. Davis and Mrs. Roy Davis and son, Leeman returned home with them for a few days.

Miss Elizabeth Cannon is home from New York City for the summer vacation.

Mrs. Martha Bloss spent the week-end with her daughter, Mrs. Mark Wilson and family of Whitesville.

Mrs. Clair Kuntz and daughter, Sarah of Hornell are passing the week with Mrs. Sarah Jamison on Elm Street.

Assistant Cashier R. O. Snyder went to New York City Tuesday as guest of the Federal Reserve Bank. He returned home Friday.

Mrs. Lee Trowbridge has returned from two weeks visit at the home of her son, Mr. and Mrs. O. B. Trowbridge of Pulaski.

Dr. W. J. Grenolds of Westerly R. I., was greeting his many Andover friends Friday and Saturday

30 YEARS AGO

June 7, 1935

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George Warren Carr, 88, died Friday. His wife, his parents and a sister survive. Funeral services were held Monday with Rev. W. C. Perry officiating. Burial was in Hillside Cemetery.

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Simons of Greenwood Hill left their home and contents last Saturday by fire.

Retsy Clarke, 76, widow of Edson D. Clarke of Independence died Saturday, June 1st.

Miss Sadie Smith and Albert

"Red's" Racetrack Rambles

Hello again all you racing fans! Well, everything that could happen at the News Office on publication day—did, and as a result we didn't get the paper "put to bed" until around 8 which made it too late to go over to Bradford Raceway. However, we understand that they are going to have a "Powder Puff" derby this week so hope to have better luck and make it.

As most of you have probably already heard, things took a turn for the worse at Olean Speedway and as a result the track is closed down—temporarily at least. We have heard that young Rosen is going to open it up in the near future but so far haven't anything definite on it.

We do know that Anegilca is running every Friday night and can at least give you folks a recap on the racing results: In the Sportsman Class—Wayne Milliman, No. 04, from Little Genesee, Pa., won the 1st heat; Dutch Strang, No. 14, Eldred, Pa., took the 2nd heat; and Herby Layfield, No. 48, Allentown, won the Coney. In the Feature—Dutch Strang, No. 14, took the checkered flag; Wayne Milliman, No. 04, placed 2nd; and Jim Richmond, No. 5/8 from Richburg came in 3rd.

In the Modern Class: Billy Layfield, No. 12, from Allentown won the 1st heat; Jim Hakes, No. 37 Olean, took the 2nd; Bob Smith No. 7, from Smethport won the 1st Semi; and Floyd Green, No. 7 from Belmont took the 2nd Semi. In the Feature—Fred Gilbert from Portville, driving No. 203, came in 1st; Bob Bigley, No. 7, from Smethport, placed 2nd; and Bob Williams, No. 52, from Woodhull came in 3rd.

This week we are planning or covering the races there at Anegilca so hope to have a little more color on the racing results.

At the Sportsman's Raceway in Ulysses, Pa., Saturday night, the racing fans certainly got their money's worth with torrid races in both features and plenty of action with several pile-ups and one car rolled over in the heats and feature.

In the 2nd Novice Heat, Larry Swander, No. 99, and Herby Layfield, No. 48, continued their feud from the previous week with Larry working his way up into the lead by the middle of the race and Herby finally managing to close the gap and crossing the finish line right on his bumper. In the feature, these 2 started near the rear of the 17 car field with Larry moving up into 3rd place when Herby managed to pass him and was just passing the lead car in the back-stretch when he hit a wheel that had been lost by one of the slower cars—and up in the air Herby went and had to pull out of the race as it tore the drive shaft out of his car.

On the 1st lap of the Modern Feature, No. 4B hit Gabe Hanes, No. 222, in the back stretch spinning him around with No. 12, who was close behind, slamming into him and No. 52, unable to stop, smashed into the side of No. 12. This halted the race with it taking a wrecker to pull the tangled

Kaufman were united in marriage Saturday, June 1st by Rev. W. C. Pero.

Mr. and Mrs. Allie Burdick and son, Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Burdick and daughter of Oregon, visited Andover relatives and friends a few days this week.

Lorenzo Slocum of Alfred Station has purchased of Mrs. Eliza Sherwood, her residence on Chestnut Street.

Mr. and Mrs. Flay Pease have purchased the Frank Brown cottage on the Greenwood Road.

Mr. and Mrs. Olmstead Van-Schooter are the parents of a son, John Herbert, born Friday, May 31st.

Mr. and Mrs. Elizabeth Easton of Independence have moved into the M. A. Crandall house on Davitt Hill.

Anthony Gavin of Fort Wayne, Ind., is visiting his sisters, Mrs. James Guinn, Mrs. F. J. Dougherty and his brother, Michael Gavin this week.

cars apart. After the re-start, a torrid duel began between Harold Sherwood, No. 11, Gabe Hanes, No. 222, Art Tomack, No. 1, and Bob Williams, No. 52, in that order. Number 222 finally managed to grab the lead with No. 1 moving into the 2nd slot and No. 52 passing No. 11 in the home-stretch in the last lap.

For a re-cap of the races: In the Novice Class—Jerry Givan, No. G-3, won the 1st heat; Larry Swander, No. 99, took the 2nd; and Don Holliday, No. 11/16, won the "Coney". In the Feature: Phil Mott, No. 135, took the 1st slot; Jim Sharp, No. 54, 2nd; Larry Swander, No. 99, 3rd; Phil Pipe, No. 71, 4th; and Howie Slocum, No. 1, placed 5th.

In the Moderns: Harold Sherwood, No. 11, took the 1st heat; Bill Bigley, No. 51, the 2nd; and Bob Williams, No. 52, won the "Coney". In the Feature—Gabe Hanes, No. 222, captured the checkered flag; Art Tomack, No. 1, was 2nd; Bob Williams, No. 52, 3rd; Harold Sherwood, No. 11, 4th; and Bill Bigley, No. 51, placed 5th.

Sunday afternoon at the Hornell Raceway, the weather was hot and so were the tempers, and judging from the steam coming from the radiators, some of the cars were in the same shape. In case you fans wonder why the track wasn't watered more often—it's because the drivers would rather put up with the dust than have the track slippery, Yep, you just can't please everybody.

For some reason or other, the spot between the No. 3 and No. 4 turn seemed to act like a magnet, as one car after another went sailing over the bank—not only in the Novice Class, but also in the Moderns. Bill Denning, No. 11, from Wellsville, took the wildest ride of the day during the Novice Feature as he rolled over when he went over the bank which halted the race and called for a re-start. Fortunately, Bill wasn't hurt, and as soon as his pit crew pushed the top of the car back out a little, he managed to get back in the race before it started, finishing in the money.

In the Modern Class, Don Wood No. 203, continued his sliding ways from last week going into the lead car, Harold Sherwood, No. 11, broadside on the back-stretch and then rolled him between the No. 3 and No. 4 turn, which earned him the black flag from "Whitey", the starter. Judging from the roar of approval from the crowd, this was a popular decision, although it evoked a jawing session as soon as the race was finished. "Don" then lost his left front wheel in the No. 1 turn during the "Coney" and thus didn't make it for the feature.

For a re-cap of the results: In the Novice Class—Phil Mott, No. 135, took the 1st heat; Bill Layfield, No. 48, won the 2nd; and Wayne Morrison, No. 04, the "Coney". In the feature—Herb Layfield, No. 48, took 1st; Wayne Milliman, No. 04, 2nd; Phil Mott, No. 135, 3rd; Daryl Dennis, No. 96, 4th; and Warren Kinney, No. 69, 5th. In the Modern Class—Leo Houghtaling, No. 42, won the 1st heat; with Art Tomack, No. 1, taking the "Coney". In the feature—Basil Schutt, No. 133, placed 1st; Gabe Hanes, No. 222, 2nd; Harold Sherwood, No. 11, 3rd; Paul Hideck, No. 6-7/8, 4th; and Leo Houghtaling, No. 42, 5th.

Lefkowitz Seeks To Eliminate Medical Quacks

Jail sentences and stiff fines are essential in the drive at both Federal & State levels to eliminate the medical quacks who continue to prey on the public, Attorney General Louis J. Lefkowitz said this week. "If we continue to expose the food faddists and the medical quacks, the public will become informed and aware of the dangers involved as well as the financial losses suffered," he said.

SMART MAN

My uncle was a clever human being. He died last month, and a few weeks later all of us relatives gathered for the reading of his will. "Being of sound mind," my uncle's lawyer read from the will, "I spent every last cent before I died." —Parade.

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