

AMERICAN LEGION ANNIVERSARY — 1970

An Editorial



A Tribute To: THE AMERICAN GI In War and In Peace

A gigantic fraternity of service is observing its 51st Anniversary actively engaged in the pursuit of a goal which could mean its eventual demise. On March 15 - 17, The American Legion will be 51 years old. With a membership of nearly 2.7 million men and women, all veterans of the four wars of the Twentieth Century, the Legion remains firmly dedicated to principles which could bring about that long-sought era when there would be no more war veterans from which its membership could be drawn.

This year, Legionnaires or Lynch-Burgett Post No. 397 are gearing their programs to the theme of — "U. S. A. — Unity and Service for America," as an important step toward one of the Legion's basic purposes: "To promote peace and good will on Earth." No one is more aware of the great horror, waste, and despair wrought by war than the war veteran. And the American war veteran's concern that an honorable world peace is achievable only through a continually strengthened America has been expressed through the growth and esteem of The American Legion.

A united, participating America will nullify the divisive forces which have surfaced in many parts of the land. Expressions of unity can help put in proper perspective the actions and words of a noisy, dissident few who seemingly have no concern for our Nation's future. However, unity has meaning only when there is a contribution — when something happens. The American Legion's very reason for being has been built around service — service to veterans, service to youth, service to community, state and Nation.

So, for an America strengthened to meet the challenges of an ever-changing, increasingly complex world, The American Legion dedicates the endeavors of its 51st year to meaningful expressions of unity coupled with the types of services which involved Americans can perform in behalf of their fellow man.

"U. S. A. — Unity and Service for America." It's an ambitious undertaking but one which deserves the support of every American. On this 51st Anniversary, we extend our own congratulations to The American Legion and wish the Legionnaires of Andover every success in their quest for such a lofty goal.

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FROM OUR FILES

50 YEARS AGO

March 12, 1920

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Miss Esther C. Northrup and Lloyd J. Mead were united in marriage at the Methodist Parsonage Wednesday, March 10th by Rev. W. P. Trowbridge. They will make their home on the farm recently purchased of John Wahl, Jr. in Elm Valley.

Mr. and Mrs. James Nobles are parents of a daughter, Vergiline Lillian, born March 4th.

Miss Mary Driscoll has tendered her resignation as operator at the telephone exchange to take effect April 1st.

Next Wednesday night a St. Patrick's supper will be held in the M. E. Church. Roast Beef with all the trimmings will be ready at 5:30. 40c for grown-ups, reduction for children.

Mr. and Mrs. John Wahl of Andover, were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Lou Snyder of East Valley, Monday and Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Ehmer Green have rented a farm near Andover and moved Monday.

Miss Helen Williams of Wells-ville was the guest of Andover friends Saturday and Sunday.

Charles Lynch was a week-end guest of his brothers, J. A. Lynch and Dr. George Lynch of Hornell.

Mrs. W. A. Reed and daughter, Edna of Canisteo are guests of Mr. and Mrs. Calvin Slocum.

Lynn Hammond of Depew passed the week-end guest of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. James Hammond.

Miss Rebecca Burrows of Gainsville, spent the week-end guest of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Edw. Teasdale.

Rev. George A. Orton spent a few days the first of the week with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Orton of Woodhull.

Harold Robinson and Fay Boyd visited Harry Boyd and Richard Williams at Batavia from Saturday until Wednesday.

The Misses Lena and Margaret Nold of Wayland, were visiting at the Kaufenbarth home from Saturday until Wednesday.

Mrs. L. A. Baldwin, who has been the guest of her daughter, Mrs. R. G. Collins the past week, has returned to her home in Wells-ville.

M. J. Murphy, who was called to Wells-ville from Texas by the death of his mother, Mrs. Mary Murphy, was a guest at the Frank Dean home Thursday.

Mrs. Grant Sherwood returned home the first of the week after spending a few days at the home of her daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Ray Church of Voorhees Hill.

40 YEARS AGO

March 7, 1930

J. H. Backus & Son, Publishers

Rev. Charles F. Parsons, pastor of the Andover Presbyterian Church, tendered his resignation Sunday to accept a call to the pastorate of the Presbyterian Church at Branchville, N. J., to take effect April 1st.

Merrill Hackett, 75, died at his home on Maple Street Wednesday, March 5th. His wife, a daughter, a son, five sisters and three brothers survive.

Rev. and Mrs. McIntosh were pleasantly surprised last Tuesday evening when a group of church members presented them with a table scarf in observance of their wedding anniversary.

Melvin Mattison has purchased the late Rodolfus Howland farm and has moved his family there.

The high water washed the bridge out by Stephen Taylor's Tuesday.

Mrs. J. P. Dougherty spent a few days last week guest of her daughter, Mrs. Harold Griswald of Hornell.

Mrs. M. A. Fowler returned to Buffalo Tuesday after a week's visit in Andover.

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Wilcox of Rushburg, were week-end guests of her father, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Church.

Mrs. Edna Wilbur left Tuesday for Washington, D. C., from there

ALBANY

open line

by Alex Rankin

In case no one noticed, the political campaign for governor is already underway.

Candidates of all kinds of political parties and marriages have started taking trips to the third floor of the state capitol building in Albany — the press room of the Albany press corps.

They come to Albany and the third floor because until sometime in April, at least, that is where all the action is.

Just down the hall from the press room legislators are passing bills, debating bills, passing bills and making speeches at the slightest excuse.

The press corps is also the depository of huge wads of press releases.

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schools educate 797,500 children. The 40,000 are going to be cut because the state says they don't have the money to teach them.

According to the Committee for Public Education and Religious Liberty, Democrats Howard J. Samuel, William J. Vanhook, Havel and Eugene M. Rickert, all answered "yes" to the following questions sent them:

1. Do you oppose giving public money to religious schools?
2. "Do you reject the argument that government has an obligation to issue the financial aid to religious schools even when they may be forced to close because they receive insufficient funds from their respective sects?"
3. "Do you oppose evasion of the principle of church-state separation in education through the use of such devices as the 'child benefit theory'?"

Rockefeller, it should be noted is not yet clear on the issue. He opposes such aid, but has not as yet said what he would do if the Legislature passed such a bill and sent it to him for a decision.

The so-called Blaine issue, as has been noted before here, is a phony one. Legislators say that the question of repeal of that section of the constitution which bars state aid to schools on the ballot will let voters decide.

But that decision is irrelevant because courts have already ruled under the "child benefit" theory, money can — and in fact is — being sent to religious schools.

days, returned to his home in Independence Saturday.

Mrs. Charles Reynolds of Franklinville, was a guest the past week at the home of her daughter, Mr. and Mrs. William Lang.

Miss Aileen Walsh passed Saturday and Sunday with her aunt and uncle, Mr. and Mrs. James Dagon of Hornell.

Mrs. E. V. Greene of Tip Top passed the week-end at the home of her daughter, Mr. and Mrs. M. T. Emerson of Alfred Station.

Atty and Mrs. C. L. Earley and Mr. and Mrs. G. L. Borden and Mrs. Mark Sheppard left Saturday by motor for Florida.

Mr. and Mrs. William Jones of Salamanca were guests at the home of her father, James Nobles Sunday and also called on her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Nobles.

The Misses Veronica and Margaret Joyce of Hornell, passed the week-end with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Peter Joyce and called on friends in town.

The people who have referred to the "good old winter weather of years gone by" should be quite happy this winter, which is claimed to "have been the coldest January in 20 years with continued cold and deep snow ever since."

Amount Of Income Determines If Tax Return Is Required

The amount of your income is a key factor in determining whether you have to file a Federal income tax return, John E. Foley, District Director, Internal Revenue Service, Buffalo, said today.

Anyone under 65 years of age with a gross income of \$600 or more for the year has to file a return. This requirement applies to minors, students, single and married alike.

No return is required from anyone 65 or older on the last day of the tax year unless the gross income was \$1,200 or more. However, when the income is under these limits a return should be filed to get a refund of any tax withheld from salaries or wages.

Businessmen, farmers, and other self-employed persons must file a return if their net earnings from self-employment were \$400 or more, Mr. Foley said.

30 YEARS AGO

March 7, 1940

Claire C. Backus, Publisher

Charles F. Church, 72, a life-long resident of Andover, died at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Charles Bloss of Canisteo, Friday, March 1. His wife, four sons, four daughters and three sisters survive. Interment was in Hill-side Cemetery.

Mr. and Mrs. Adelbert Gayhart are parents of a son, Edward Lee, born March 1st.

T. J. Regan left Sunday night on Train No. 1 enroute to California, where he expects to visit for several weeks and will visit a nephew, E. E. Regan of Clayton, New Mexico, while enroute.

Allen W. Corwin of Wells-ville and Clare Jackson of Andover have been named members of the Legislative Committee of the Firemen's Association of the State of New York.

Miss Dorothy Dean was home from the St. James Mercy Hospital in Hornell to pass the week-end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. James P. Dean.

Director S. W. Clarke, who has been in New York City for a few