

FOOD FOR THOUGHT!

An Editorial

I got to thinking the other day about that valiant band of men now known as **40-YEAR MEMBERS IN THE AMERICAN LEGION**. I was a small boy in 1919 when they came home from World War I but I still remember the battles they had to fight after they came home from that famous "War to End Wars". I remember the tin cups with pencils in them, the apple salesman on the corners, the bonus march on Washington, their lack of proper hospitalization, their efforts to get and hold new jobs. What a struggle they had!

I read over the list of those 40-year members in the September issue of the Seattle Post. Do you know what they are today? Presidents of banks and railroads, Congressmen, Supreme and Superior Court Judges, some of our most successful business men, doctors, lawyers, and many retired citizens. How did they arrive at this status? They worked hard, applied themselves, and refused to quit.

Then the American Legion proposed the G-I Bill of Rights for us so that when we came back from World War II we would not have to endure all the hardships they experienced. We were sent to college; loaned money to get started in business or buy a home, we received generous disability benefits and in plain English, had it pretty soft, due entirely to their efforts in our behalf.

I am **ASHAMED** that every World War II and **KOREAN VETERAN** has not joined the **AMERICAN Legion** — aren't you? Think it over!

(The above was taken from "Seattle Post Publication of Post 1, Seattle, Washington" and was printed around 1959).

The above "Confessions of a World War II Vet" were written around 11 years ago, and since that time we also have another crop of Veterans from Vietnam — as well as from other brush-fires around the world. Many of these Veterans have availed themselves of the privileges granted under the "G-I Bill of Rights". Yet, the numbers of the local American Legion Post No. 397, dwindle as the years go by.

Memorial Day will soon be upon us when the deceased Veterans of all wars are honored. And what local Organization will be representing the deceased Veterans? Why, The American Legion of course!

The Legion members that participate in the Memorial Day Services will represent all of the suffering, hardships, and grief that all deceased Veterans — as well as the ones that are living — endured in all wars in our American History.

For all of you Veterans that are eligible to join the Legion — why don't you sign up before Memorial Day? And for you Veterans that unfortunately weren't members of the Armed Forces during the specially designated cut-off dates as set by Congress, how about putting on your uniforms — and marching with the Legion members to "honor our departed Veterans"?

And, for all you Civilians — that are behind, and have supported our American Government throughout the years — how about coming out Memorial Day and lending your support as an audience — to show your respect for all of our fallen Comrades?

THE FREEDOM OF THE PRESS IS BASIC TO ALL YOUR AMERICAN FREEDOMS! Only as your Newspaper is free to print the facts, can you be free to know them. Only as you know the facts, can you act wisely in the best interests of your Community, as you see them. In America, there is plenty of room for opinions. **THERE IS NO ROOM FOR RESTRICTIONS ON THE PEOPLE'S RIGHT TO KNOW THE TRUTH!**

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50 YEARS AGO

April 30, 1920

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Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Swarts of Greenwood Hill, are the parents of a daughter, born April 15th.

Mr. and Mrs. James P. Dean of Pingrey Hill, are parents of a daughter, born Saturday, April 24. Mrs. E. R. Crandall of Independence, spent Tuesday and Wednesday with Mrs. Nora Burdick in Alfred.

Howard M. Clarke of Avon was a Saturday and Sunday guest of his father, H. M. Clarke of Independence.

Mrs. H. W. Slade of Independence, spent from Friday until Monday with relatives in Whitesville.

A. O. Tucker left Andover Saturday for Kalamazoo, Michigan.

Mrs. Estella Richardson is visiting relatives and friends in Richburg this week.

Miss Florence Cocoman of Buffalo, passed the week-end at her home in Andover.

Dr. and Mrs. W. J. Grenolds and Mrs. O. E. Vars were visitors in Buffalo the first of the week.

D. M. Davis of Pittsburgh is passing a few days guest of his father, John Davis of West Greenwood Street.

Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Brundage returned home Saturday from a winter's stay in California and Arizona.

Miss Maude Wildman left Saturday for Dewey, Oklahoma, where she will join her parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Boyd.

Mrs. Bessie Herrick returned to New York City Saturday after a week's visit in Andover. Her mother, Mrs. Granville Barney accompanied her home.

Mrs. A. B. Smith of Rochester is passing some time at the home of her parents, Dr. and Mrs. E. J. Laughlin and assisting in the care of her mother who is ill.

Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Richardson of Richburg, were visiting relatives in Andover Friday and Saturday. E. P. Rogers left Andover Tuesday for Brownwood, Texas, where he will be field manager for the Andover-Texas Oil and Drilling Co. Inc.

Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Austin of Whitesville were guests of Andover friends this week. Mrs. Austin was in attendance of the W. C. T. U. Institute being held in Andover this week.

40 YEARS AGO

May 2, 1930

J. H. Backus & Son, Publishers
Esther Langworthy Lanphear, 83, died April 27. Interment was in Alfred Rural Cemetery.

Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Burdick are parents of a daughter, born Easter Sunday, April 20th.

Mrs. Matthew Halsey, 71, died Tuesday, April 22. Her husband, two daughters and a son survive. Burial was in Hillside Cemetery.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Foster of Randolph, N. Y., have purchased the A. A. Hinchey place, two and a half miles west of Andover on the Andover-Wellsville Road.

Mrs. Charles Earley was called to Scio this week to assist in the care of her mother, Mrs. Louise Burbank, who is very ill.

The family of M. T. Garvin of Pittsburgh, Pa., and Mrs. J. Sauten of Hornell, were called home Sunday by the serious illness of their mother, Mrs. Catherine Dean of South Hill.

Miss Anna O'Leary has returned from several weeks visit at the home of her sister, Mrs. M. Dean.

Mrs. Theron Jones and Elaine of Wellsville, were guests a few days last week of Mrs. R. E. Spicer and Mrs. Floyd Clarke of Independence.

Edward and Wayne Crandall of Independence spent the Easter vacation in New York City.

Mrs. E. R. Crandall and children of Alfred spent the Easter vacation with Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Spicer and other relatives in Independence. They returned to their home Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Lavern Langworthy of Providence, R. I., have been

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by Alex Rankin

The 1970 session of the state legislature is now history. Mostly it is history to be used in the coming months by politicians, Republicans who want to keep control of the legislature and the Governor's chair in November, Democrats who want to take it away from them, and Liberals and Conservatives who want their piece of the action no matter who wins.

Friend and foe agree the biggest single piece of legislation passed this year was the abortion reform bill. It is closely followed by the master stroke of Governor Rockefeller — that consummate practical politician — in pulling the rug out from under New York City Mayor Lindsay and the mayors of the other cities of the Big Six with his tax proposals, off-track betting, a more honest if less palatable lottery and the revenue sharing plan.

Rockefeller begins the campaign for re-election with a big handicap — the sheer fact that he has been governor for 12 years may have soured him with voters.

If that is the case, the Republican-controlled legislature has given him a bundle of issues and accomplishments that would make any politician's mouth water.

Pollution is a big issue, for example, and so the Republicans passed a bill reorganizing the Department of Conservation.

Realizing the powerful establishment lobby behind the old department, Republicans brought the bill up during the closing hours of the session. By that simple tactic it passed with almost no trouble.

visiting his mother and brother, Mrs. Agnes Langworthy and Edson Langworthy this week.

Miss Mary Anne O'Boyle has returned to her school duties at Buffalo State Teachers' College, after spending the Easter vacation at her home in Andover.

Mrs. Harry Pease and babe passed last week with her parents at Olean, returning home Sunday with her husband.

L. D. Erskine went to Cuba to spend Easter with his daughter, Mrs. Arthur H. Riley.

Prof. and Mrs. Will Pingrey of Bemus Point were in Andover this week and moved the household goods of Mrs. Mila Pingrey into her newly purchased home on Elst Street.

30 YEARS AGO

April 25, 1940

Claire C. Backus, Publisher

Mrs. Mary Frances Scott, 84, died at her home in Phillips Creek, Sunday, April 21. A daughter and two sons survive. Interment was in Hillside Cemetery, Andover.

Miss Ruth A. Crowner of Andover and Edward G. Angood of Hornell, were united in marriage at the home of the bride, Saturday, April 20 by Rev. Howard Moses of Coudersport, Pa., a cousin of the bride.

Mrs. Lida C. Stevens, 78, of Greenwood Hill, died at her home Tuesday, April 23. Two daughters and a son survive. Interment was in Bennetts Creek Cemetery.

50 members of the Baptist Church held a warm sugar social at the home of Melvin Matison of Elm Valley, Wednesday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Howarth have moved their goods from Ithaca to the house on Fairview Ave., which they recently purchased of Mr. and Mrs. C. S. Rennells.

Saturday, April 20th opened the Trout Season in this area. Chas. Ruger is the champion fisherman so far, getting a brown trout the first day at Stearns Crossing which weighed 5 lbs. and 9-ozs.

Mrs. E. M. Crandall of Independence is visiting Mr. and Mrs. Benj. Crandall of Alfred.

Mrs. Mary S. Crandall of Independence was a guest of her granddaughter, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Vincent in Andover over the week-end.

Voorhees Hill mail carrier was unable to complete his route over

The new department has broad, sweeping powers to act in this area.

For conservatives, the Governor acted in the other direction when it came to welfare. He took the broad policy powers away from the Board of Social Services and gave them to the legislature.

For local real estate taxpayers, he restored all of the education aid cut last year — and then, added a little.

For taxpayers in general, there were no tax hikes — though there will surely be some next year when no one is running for office.

With almost the same ease the Republicans passed another historic piece of legislation — state aid to Catholic schools. The amount of money, \$28 million, is insignificant. The real key to it is the fact that the door was opened.

Next year more money will be forthcoming.

Repeal of the so-called Blaine Amendment to the Constitution, the Terry Bill, named after Republican Assemblyman John H. Terry of Syracuse, has been pushed into the background. It is reasonable to expect that by the time the Terry Amendment gets around to being put on the state-wide ballot next year it won't make any difference. The courts will have ruled by then that such aid is constitutional, on the grounds the money is going to the pupil, not to the institution — a fine legal hair, if you will, but a hair nonetheless.

the hills Monday because of snow drifts from the week-end storm (April 22).

William Burdick who is working in Richburg, passed a few days last week at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Burdick of Elm Valley.

Mrs. Mary Boyd Horton of Hurley, N. M., is visiting at the home of her aunt, Mary Snyder.

Jack Saunders of Southern Park, Maryland, is passing a week's vacation with his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Snyder.

Miss Ruth Robinson of South Orange, N. J., and Mrs. H. W. Huffcutt and daughter, Ruth Ann, of Sea Cliff, L. I., are visiting their parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Robinson this week.

Miss Dorothy Brown and Mrs. William Doran of Wellsville, are visiting their sister, Mrs. V. V. Sweet.

Mr. and Mrs. Franklin West of Eldred, Pa., passed the week-end at the home of her sister and parents, Mr. and Mrs. Lee Marvel and Mr. and Mrs. Hubert Whitney.

Mr. and Mrs. Francis Baker and daughter, Janette of Alfred, are passing this week with her parents Mr. and Mrs. John Baker.

Mrs. Freeman Rogers of West Greenwood was an overnight guest at the home of her father, Mr. and Mrs. William Pease Monday and attended the OES Chapter.

Miss Margaret Joyce of Hornell spent from Friday until Monday at the home of her brother, Mr. and Mrs. Francis Joyce and her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Peter Joyce.

Mr. and Mrs. T. C. Turner of Alfred Station were recent guests of their daughter and family, Mr. and Mrs. F. E. Woodworth.

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