

MEMORIAL DAY — 1970

An Editorial

They did not pass in selfishness; they died for all mankind; They died to build a better world, for all who stay behind; And we who hold their memory dear, and bring them flowers today, Should consecrate ourselves once more, to live and die as they. To symbolize our love with flowers, is not enough to do; We must be brave as they were brave, and true as they were true, They died to build a better world, and we who mourn today, Should consecrate ourselves once more, to live and die as they.

In May, 1868, that classic patriotic literature issued by the Commander-in-Chief of the Grand Army of the Republic, General John A. Logan, as General Orders No. 11, established the observance of Memorial Day.

On Saturday, May 30, the nation will pause to honor by word and deed those who have given their lives in America's defense.

Memorial Day signifies, perhaps more deeply than any other patriotic observance, the soul of America.

It was set aside as a Holiday to honor the dead and speak proudly of our National Traditions. The American Flag was waved proudly not cynically; people knew what it stood for and were not ashamed to doff their hats and stand at attention when it proudly passed by, carried by an interested citizen. Most people were proud to give the "Pledge of Allegiance" to the Flag of our Country, whether it was in Church, School, Fraternal Meetings or in Public Assemblies.

The patriots to be remembered in a special way on that day represent every generation of Americans. They fell in battle widely separated by distance and time — from the colonial town of Lexington to the wilderness of Vietnam, from the Spring of 1775 to the Spring of 1970. Some came of families long established in America; many others were new to the land and its promise. They differed in color, in religion, profession, in political faith and in other ways which historically have divided the human family.

Yet, all had this in common — they loved their Country and they died to make men free!

Compare this with the selfish motives of many people of today; pressure groups that refuse to salute the Flag of our Land — or Pledge Allegiance to it; in fact even refuse to serve in the Armed Forces of our Country to defend our hard earned Liberties!

Just look at the complacency of many of our citizens today — that don't bother to get out and vote or pay attention to what our duly elected Senators and Representatives are doing in Congress to give away our Freedoms almost every day!

We believe that Memorial Day should be a day to honor the dead, and speak proudly of our National Traditions — a day of rest and a day of peace.

It should be considered as a quiet day for sober reflection, instead of a noisy celebration. It could be spent early in the morning by decorating the graves of our War Veterans as well as the deceased of our own families. Later on, we could join the local American Legion or Veterans Program and pay homage to the departed Veterans of all Wars.

Much time, thought, planning and co-operation is put into the local Memorial Service by the different participating units. The American Legion and Auxiliary, The Woman's Relief Corps, The Andover Central School, the Churches and Clergy, Boy Scouts, Fraternal Organizations, and all others who join in the parade and take part in the services.

The success of this, or any other program, can only be measured by the number of members of the community that share in the ceremonies — and by the feeling and meaning that they put into it. The Parade and services are not just for Legion Members — but for all Veterans and local Citizens that are still proud of their Uniforms, Comrades, Flag and Country. Won't you join in too?

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Mrs. Ann Hyland, 86, died Monday, May 10 at her home in the Town of Greenwood. Two daughters and two sons survive. Interment was in St. John's Cemetery, Andover.

H. G. Clark and Earl C. Bassett are the Trial Jurors drawn from Andover to serve at County Court Belmont, commencing on Monday, May 24.

J. L. Williams has purchased the Lee property on Elm Street. Mr. and Mrs. Raphael Cook are parents of a daughter born this week at the farm home west of the village.

Ed. McAndrew and family of South Hill, accompanied by the Misses McAndrews of Andover, motored to Belfast Saturday for a visit with relatives, returning Sunday.

Mrs. Jane Updyke has returned to her home in Independence after spending the winter in Andover with her daughter.

Mrs. H. W. Slade returned to Albany Wednesday after spending a month with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. O. G. Clarke of Independence.

Mrs. N. E. Hardy of Smethport, Pa., is visiting her uncle, Isaac Smith.

Miss Margaret Howe of Rochester, is the guest of her brother, E. H. Howe for a few days this week.

Mrs. H. W. Ward and son, Warren, were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Potter Saturday and Sunday.

Mrs. Henry Livermore went to Nile Tuesday for a visit at the home of her mother, Mrs. Martha Davidson.

David Davis of Pittsburgh returned home Monday after spending a few days guest of his brother, John Davis.

Miss Helen Averill and Mrs. Myra Farley of Hornell, visited Mrs. Farley's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Scott over the weekend.

Miss Frank Ryan and little son Francis of Allegany are spending a few days at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. P. Mulcahy.

Isaac Smith and daughter, Zedie have returned from Wayland, where they were guests at the home of his daughter, Mrs. William Cochran.

Mr. and Mrs. Ira Connors, of Massillon, Ohio were guests at the home of her brother, Mr. and Mrs. Forrest Gee from Friday until Tuesday.

Mrs. F. L. Hann and Miss Jennie Crandall are in Albany this week in attendance at the Rebekah State Assembly. Miss Crandall representing Andover Rebekah Lodge No. 303 as its delegate.

40 YEARS AGO

May 23, 1930

J. H. Backus & Son, Publishers
Miss Alta Jackson of Andover and Lester Eugene Sprague of Hornell, were united in marriage Saturday, May 17 by Rev. Walter Dynes.

Mr. and Mrs. Denzel Baker are parents of a daughter, born Thursday, May 22nd.

Mr. and Mrs. Clark A. Bridge are parents of a son, John Clark, born Wednesday, May 21st.

Mr. and Mrs. Carlyle Myers have purchased the J. L. Williams property on North Main Street and will move there soon.

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Hoover, Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Williams and children of Glassport, Pa., Mr. and Mrs. James Krise of Diport, Pa., and Mrs. Joseph Schaffer of Bradford, Pa., have been guests of their daughter and sister, Mrs. Archie Green of Davis Hill the past week.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Updyke and son, Paul, spent the week-end with relatives at Bradford, Pa.

Mr. and Mrs. B. A. Clair visited his son, Mr. and Mrs. Everett Clair at their home in Interlaken, last week.

Sheridan Witter was up from Buffalo to pass the week-end with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Dan Witter.

ALBANY

open line

by Alex Rankin

Republican State Chairman Charles T. Lanigan recently gave a glimpse of the tactics his party is using to stay in power this election year.

Lanigan spoke to the party workers in a speech at the annual dinner of the Otsego County Republican Committee.

Two things come out of the speech.

1. Republicans are going to make as much as they can out of the "boss" issue in their fights with Democrats, including the wild fiasco at Grossinger's at which former UN ambassador and U. S. Supreme Court Justice Arthur Goldberg received the nomination for governor — then turned it down, saying he was going to disprove the bossism issue by getting petitions for the nomination.

To that end Republicans are now jumping with glee because at the last minute Goldberg, having gotten the required number of signatures on petitions, decided not to file them with state Secretary of State John P. Lomenzo.

2. Lanigan's speech suggests Republicans are worried about what the Liberal Party is going to do.

Lanigan told the workers to remember that in 1954 former Democratic Gov. Averell Harriman "was elected by a margin that could have been reversed by less than one vote in each of the election districts of the state."

But the memory of 1966 is also fresh in their minds. Rockefeller won, but the figures of that elec-

tion show that if the Liberal Party had endorsed the Democratic candidate, Frank O'Connor, instead of Franklin Roosevelt Jr., O'Connor might have won — had he gotten all the votes that went to Roosevelt.

Thus, without the negative support of splinter groups, Rockefeller and his ticket need all the help they can get.

"Thus the role of Otsego County and other upstate counties is vitally important this year," said Lanigan. "We cannot depend on large margins in certain areas."

Meaning, of course, New York City, where Goldberg can be expected to cut heavily into Rockefeller's traditional vote.

Along this line is also well worth noting that politicians have yet to access the impact of President Nixon's venture into Cambodia.

Nixon will have support upstate for his move, but New York city is a question mark. This is important because Rockefeller has generally been a hawk and a Nixon supporter on the issue.

Lanigan told the Otsego Republicans they are "good Republicans," but then told them they were slipping.

In 1958 the county went Rockefeller by 14,000 votes. By 1966 that had slipped to just over 11,000.

Which highlights another Rockefeller problem — the sheer fact he has been in office for so long tends to result in apathy, both from the voters and from the grassroots workers.

Mrs. Effa Beaver of Buffalo was visiting her sister, Mrs. E. F. Joyce Thursday and Friday of last week.

Dr. Elwood Burdick and daughter, Jeanne of Waverly were recent guests of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Burdick of Railroad Valley.

Mr. and Mrs. E. F. Stearns have gone to Camp Shenawana where they will be in charge of the culinary Department as in former years.

Mrs. Ellen Dougherty returned Friday from several days visit at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Harold Griswold and family of Hornell.

Mrs. J. M. Brundage is leaving today for the return trip to Los Angeles, Calif., after six weeks visit in her home town.

P. W. Kane of Miami, Fla., who has been visiting his sister, Mrs. William McDonough of Dyke St., the past week, left Saturday for Kane, Pa., to visit friends.

Miss Elizabeth Cannon and Miss Marjorie Brown were down from Rochester to pass the week-end with Mr. and Mrs. James P. Cannon of Elm Street.

Gordon Steadman and Ernest Milligan spent the week-end at Chautauqua Lake on a fishing trip.

Ernest Theetge came down from Buffalo Saturday night and in company with his wife and mother, Mrs. Wade Theetge, left Monday for Columbiana, Ohio, to visit their sister and daughter, Mrs. Estes Stevens and family for a week.

30 YEARS AGO

May 16, 1940

Claire C. Backus, Publisher

Mrs. Orris C. Parker, 79, died Wednesday, May 15. Her husband, three daughters, two sons, a sister, a brother, a half-brother and two half-sisters survive. Interment was in Hillside Cemetery, Andover.

Verna Jean Church, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Church of Voorhees Hill, was presented a gold medal as champion speller of Allegany County at the finals in Buffalo, Saturday.

Miss Maxine Crandall of Independence and Arnold Remaly of Allentown, Pa., were united in marriage Saturday, May 11 at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Milford Crandall of Independence, by Rev. Walter L. Greene.

Fire of undetermined origin completely destroyed the Edward Clancy home about four miles east of Andover Friday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. William Dieter of Greenwood Hill are parents of a son born Wednesday, May 8.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Gayhart are parents of a son, born Sunday, May 12.

Mrs. William Nelson of Hornell, spent Mother's Day with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Updyke.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Tracy and daughter, Beverly of Scio, passed the week-end with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Carl Tracy.

Miss Barbara Bassett came home from Niagara Falls, Friday with her mother, who has been caring for Miss Helen Langworthy the past two weeks.

Miss Glennys Forsythe of Rochester, passed the week-end at the home of her mother, Mrs. Joanna Clair of Elm Valley.

Mrs. Lulu Byrnes of Wellsville is passing a few days with her nieces, Mrs. Howard Dean and Mrs. Anthony Dougherty of South Hill.

Mrs. Alice Livermore returned to her home on South Hill last Monday after passing the winter with her daughter, Mrs. Ray Hulbert at Petrolia.

Miss Beth Whitaker is passing the week in Hornell with her grandmother, Mrs. William Langley, while Mr. Langley is visiting at the home of his daughter, Mr. and Mrs. O. J. Whitaker of Andover.

Mrs. Maude Clarke of Independence is visiting her daughter, Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Whitford of Watertown, Pa.

Mrs. Gordon Steadman visited her aunt and family, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Morris at Bolivar, Monday and Tuesday.

Mrs. Earl Logan and daughter, Annette of Hornell, visited at the home of her sister, Mr. and Mrs. Donald Smith, Friday.

Mrs. Dewey Northrup, E. F. Stearns and daughter, Miss Reta Stearns, motored to Port Allegany Wednesday to meet Mrs. Hattie B. Egglestin, who has returned from Florida.

Mr. and Mrs. Eldyn Brooks of Cuba, were week-end guests of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Green. They were all dinner guests Sunday of Mr. and Mrs. Wilmer Atwell of Elm Valley.