

FLY THE FLAG

Guest Editorial

Hello, remember me? Some people call me Old Glory; others call me Stars and Stripes; and I have been referred to as the Star Spangled Banner. But whatever they call me, I am your Flag or as I proudly state, the Flag of the United States of America.

There is something that has been bothering me, so I thought I might talk it over with you.

I remember sometime ago — on a Memorial Day — people were lined up on both sides of the street to watch the parade. The town's high school band was behind me and naturally, I was leading the parade. When your Daddy saw me coming along, waving in the breeze, he immediately removed his hat and placed it against his left shoulder so that his hand was directly over his heart.

And you — I remember you. Standing there as straight as a soldier, you didn't have any hat but you were giving the right salute. They taught you in school to place your right hand over your heart. I remember little sister — who was not to be outdone. She was saluting the same way as you.

I was very proud as I came down your street. There were some soldiers home on leave and they were standing at attention giving the military salute. Ladies, as well as men, all paying me the reverence that I deserve.

Now I may sound as if I am a little conceited. Well, I am. I have to be, because I represent the finest country in the world, the United States of America. More than one aggressive nation has tried to haul me down but they all felt the fury of this freedom-loving country. You had to go overseas and defend me.

What happened? I'm still the same old Flag. Oh, I have a couple more stars added since you were a boy. A lot of blood has been shed since that Memorial Day so long ago. Dad is gone now. The old town has a new look. The last time I came down your street I saw that the old landmarks were gone, but in their places, shining majestically in the sun, were a number of new buildings and homes. Yes sir, the old town sure has changed. But now I don't feel so proud as I used to. When I come down your street, you just stand there with your hands in your pockets and give me a small glance and then look the other way. When I think of all the places I have been, Omaha Beach, Anzio, Guadalcanal, Korea

and now Vietnam. Then I see the children running around shouting. They don't seem to know who I am. I saw one man take off his hat and then look around. He didn't see anybody else with his off so he quickly put his back on.

Is it a sin to be patriotic anymore? Have you forgotten what I stand for? Have you forgotten all the battlefields where men fought and died to keep this nation FREE? When you salute me, you are actually saluting them. Take a look at the Memorial Honor Rolls sometime; look at the names of those who never came back. Some of them were friends or relatives of yours. You probably went to school with some of them; that's what you're saluting, not me.

Well, it won't be long until I'll be coming down your street again. So when you see me, stand straight, place your hand over your heart and you'll really see me, waving back — my salute to you. And I'll know that you'll remember.

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FROM OUR FILES

50 YEARS AGO

May 28, 1920

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More than fifty friends and relatives of Mr. and Mrs. Orange Smith gathered at their home Monday evening, May 24th to help them celebrate their fiftieth wedding anniversary.

Shortly after 2 p. m. Tuesday the Andover Fire Company was called to the Martin Hoyer Taylor Shop on Main Street, which was all in flames, caused by an explosion.

Miss Margaret Howe and Manley Noble Corbin were united in marriage Wednesday, May 26th.

Word was received last week of the arrival of a son, John Herman, to Mr. and Mrs. Herman Dean of Oklahoma, formerly of South Hill. Miss Anna Gallagher is clerking at the M. A. Fowler Store for a few days.

Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Brown returned Wednesday from a business trip to Buffalo.

Mrs. Henry Carr was a week-end guest of her cousin, Mrs. Olive Bliven of Hornell.

Mrs. Myra Mathern Britton formerly of Andover, is the guest of friends in town this week.

Lawrence Clark of Elmira was visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. Clark, Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. William Utter were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Ray Collins Saturday and Sunday.

Mrs. Jesse Hunt returned Sunday from Buffalo, where she had been passing the week.

Miss Edith Cassidy of New York City, is spending a few weeks visiting with her aunt, Mrs. E. Gallagher.

Mary R. Wilson of Irvington on the Hudson, is visiting her mother and other relatives this week.

Mrs. Frank Ryan returned to her home in Allegheny Monday, after spending a few days with her people, Mr. and Mrs. P. Mulcahy.

Miss Anna Snyder returned to her duties at the Wellsville General Hospital Monday after spending two weeks, at the home of her mother, Mrs. William Snyder of Elm Valley.

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph McDonough and Mr. and Mrs. William McDonough, Jr. and children of Troupsburg, were guests over the week-end of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. William McDonough, Sr.

Ray Hammond went to Perry Saturday, returning Sunday evening accompanied by Mrs. Hammond and son, who have been passing the week at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Gray of that place.

Miss Mary Casey came home Monday from the Mountain Clinic Hospital at Olean for a two weeks vacation.

40 YEARS AGO

May 30, 1930

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Mrs. Jennie Baker Howland, 63, died Thursday, May 22. Her husband, Loren Howland, a son, Harold, a sister and six brothers survive. Interment was in Valley Brook Cemetery.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Dean, daughter, Beatrice and the Misses Kathryn and Mary Doran left Thursday for a motor trip to Toronto, Canada.

Lloyd Gee and Ellis Horsfall were in Kennedy Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Seely and son, Burton.

Mr. and Mrs. Byron Proper returned Monday from where they had been guests of their daughter and husband, Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence King since Thursday and in company with Mr. and Mrs. King enjoyed a motor trip in Canada and other places of interest in that locality.

Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Brownell and children arrived in Andover Sunday from their home at Winter Haven, Fla. Mr. and Mrs. R. V. Akin motored to Olean to meet their daughter and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Bullard have returned to their home in Andover after spending several weeks at the home of Mrs. Bul-

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by Alex Rankin

Think your local taxes are high?

Consider the present New York City Mayor John V. Lindsay recently dropped on taxpayers there — a whopping \$7.8 billion budget.

That is only the second highest governmental budget in the nation, the federal budget being the highest.

New York City reporters figure that homeowners there with house valued at \$10,000 and who paid \$80 in sewer and water taxes last year, will pay \$93 more next year.

Lindsay's budget calls for a 42 per cent hike in the real estate tax per \$100 of assessed valuation (note, that's \$100, not the \$1,000 rate most upstaters pay) and a 64 per cent hike in the combined sewer and water rates.

Binghamton, Orchard Park, Greece and Rome, you never had it so good.

Republican Assemblyman Edwynd E. Mason of Hobart got in a few licks the other day against General C. V. R. Schuyler, head of the state office of general services in Albany.

Mason could be called a leading spokesman for the conservative cause in the state Legislature — except that he rarely says anything.

Mason rapped the general for ordering Capitol policemen to remove the bullets from their revolvers during the recent anti-war demonstrations by students in

front of the capitol.

He called the general's decision, "a shameful act of political cowardice," and noted that when Albany's construction workers staged a counter-demonstration at the same place a few days later, the policemen had bullets in their guns.

Along the same line, Dr. Theodore C. Wenzl, president of the State Civil Service Employees Association, demanded the state stop using maintenance men to search for bombs in state buildings.

Wenzl said such work should be done by police and bomb detection and defusing experts.

A state university spokesman admitted janitors had been used in about 15 bomb scare cases, but did not say what action would be taken on Wenzl's demand — which makes sense.

Gov. Rockefeller has signed the bill restricting the use of DDT beginning October 1.

The law, part of the governor's election year program, is not as tough as conservationists would have liked. It touched off heated debate in the Legislature when attempts were made to amend the bill to ban the use of DDT outright. The attempt failed.

The new law turns responsibility for curbing use of DDT over to the new state commissioner of environmental conservation.

lard's niece in Rew City, Pa.

Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Longwell and son of Elmira, passed the week-end with Mrs. Longwell's mother, Mrs. Matilda Raufenbarth on Church Street.

Mrs. Sylvia Whitcomb of Corning, was a week-end guest at the home of her brother, A. L. Rogers and other Andover relatives.

Miss Carolyn Hinchet of Elmira was a week-end guest at the home of Mr. and Mrs. A. R. Baker.

William Robbins of Elmira is passing the week, guest of Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Steadman.

Mrs. Lettie Coats of Whitesville has been visiting Mr. and Mrs. F. S. Potter the past week.

Clayton Bennett of Cuba was a Sunday guest of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Bennett. Mr. Bennett returned home with his son for a visit.

Miss Ellen Casey, R.N. and Irvin Britton of Buffalo, passed Saturday and Sunday with Mrs. Ellen Casey of W. Center Street.

Mrs. Lou M. Bloss of Salinas, Calif., and Miss Emily Peck and Phillip Mullens of Oswego, were visitors of Mrs. Belle Bloss the first of the week.

Kenneth Alvord motored to Ridgeway, Pa., Sunday guest, of Mr. Schiemer and family. Patrick Rezone accompanied him as far as his home at Jamestown.

Joe Corbet returned Monday from a week's visit with his sister, Mrs. Emma Evans and other relatives at Hornell.

30 YEARS AGO

May 23, 1940

Claire C. Backus, Publisher

A deal was closed Thursday between Mrs. C. E. Brown and R. O. Snyder owners of the Auditorium Block and Rayback Bros., of Franklinville, whereby the latter purchased the block, taking possession immediately.

Douglas Jones of Almond took charge of the mechanical work at the Shirley Garage this week.

Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Coryell have rented a house in Fayetteville and will move there this coming week.

Dr. and Mrs. Benj. R. Crandall of Alfred, were Friday and Saturday guests of his brother, Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Crandall of Independence.

Director and Mrs. S. W. Clarke of Independence are in New York City this week attending a Dairy-men's League director meeting.

A large company of neighbors

and relatives gathered at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Menzo Burdick in Elm Valley Monday evening. The time was spent playing cards and visiting. Mr. and Mrs. Burdick are moving to their new home in Andover this week.

Mrs. Esther Mead returned to her home in Elm Valley, Thursday after passing ten days visiting in Buffalo.

Mrs. Bartley Joyce spent last week guest of Mr. and Mrs. John Neville in Binghamton.

Mr. and Mrs. Malcolm Brundage of Gassport, passed the week-end with his father, Robert Brundage.

Supt. W. G. Pope is attending the district supervisors meeting held at Geneseo this Thursday and Friday.

George Swain and Mrs. Jesse Girling of Warren, Pa., were guests of Mr. and Mrs. H. S. Thorne from Friday until Monday. Clifford Howland and Michael Dougherty left Friday for Tulsa, Oklahoma where they expect to attend the centennial and exposition at Tulsa. They both will visit relatives in Oklahoma and Texas.

Mrs. Elsie Hoffman of Elmira spent the week-end with her mother, Mrs. Grace Wagner.

Mrs. E. J. Atwood and Mrs. Harold Duke of Wellsville are passing the week in New York City.

Miss Grace Larkin of the Andover Central School faculty, is passing this week in Jasper with her sister, Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Cornett.

Mr. and Mrs. Eldon Brooks and daughter of Cuba, spent several days this week with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Green.

Mrs. Betty Ames, who passed the winter with her sister and family, Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Chase, returned to her home in Angelica, Saturday.

Mrs. Cowles Whiting spent from Thursday until Sunday with her sister and husband, Mr. and Mrs. Jas. Rewalt of Hornell.

Mr. and Mrs. Carroll Ruger and daughter, Lois, spent the week-end at the home of Mrs. Ruger's mother, Mr. and Mrs. William Kibler of Rochester.

Mrs. J. C. Wetzel and son, Charles of Port Leydon spent from Thursday until Tuesday with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Chase.

Mud daubers are shining blue-black wasps that make small mud nests which they stock with paralyzed spiders when eggs are laid. The larvae feed on spiders.