

FLAG DAY

An Editorial

The Flag of the United States means something different to each of us. It often evokes some special memory, something which touched us deeply, perhaps fleetingly or in a still, solemn moment never to be forgotten.

It could mean the Fourth of July and fireworks or the muffled drums and riderless horse in a hero's funeral procession. It could be a parade or some special ceremony. No matter what particular personal thoughts or reminiscences are associated with the flag, there is an even deeper, more universal meaning to Old Glory.

The flag is often called a symbol for what America is, but it's much more than that. It does stand for all of the freedoms and rights that are so basically American. But it's also a rallying point, the battle standard, around which our great Nation has been built. It marks the point toward which men surge when called upon to fulfill the national purpose. Seen in the flashing light of rockets and shell bursts, it is the sign that men fight on. Lifted atop some rocky crag of a battered isle, or above some stately building, it is a mark of victory — a victory which has never resulted in the subjugation of man but instead has advanced the cause of individual dignity.

Yes, the Flag of the United States represents the greatest cause ever undertaken by mortal man, a cause to which mankind must continue to rally if the lofty concept of individual dignity is to be universally attained and preserved.

Display of the flag is a privilege. It is an act which reaffirms our basic freedom of choice. Sunday, June 14, is Flag Day, marking the 193rd anniversary of the adoption of the first flag of our country. Every household and every business place in Andover should mark this day with a flag on display.

Fly the flag with pride and gratitude! Fly it to affirm your desire that our Nation shall remain strong and true to her lofty purpose! Fly it in memory of victories won! But, above all, fly it to mark the point to which men shall rally to fight on, whether with blades and shot to meet a godless aggressor or with minds and hearts to meet the spiritual and physical challenges which also threaten our very existence.

Employed Americans will work over 1 billion hours every day in 1970 (more than 650 hours) to pay their federal, state and local tax bills. The 10 percent surtax accounted for a big jump in federal taxes. Of course, state and local taxes are climbing, too. Federal corporate and individual income tax receipts are expected to reach over \$122 billion in the twelve months.

In 1932, these receipts were slightly more than \$1 billion, by 1940 the figure had doubled. In 1950 federal income tax receipts reached \$26 billion and were \$54 billion in 1959. In 1968 receipts had nearly quadrupled in the 1950 level — with no relief in sight!

The average American's tax load has increased drastically over the years. In 1902, all taxes — federal, state and local — came to \$18 per capita. In 1948, the figure was \$377 and by 1958, \$628. In 1969 the estimated tax bill, federal, state and local was \$1,230 for every man, woman and child in the United States, according to the Tax Foundation, Inc.

It's time to rediscover fiscal sanity — by insisting on reduction non-essential public expenditures at every level — federal, state and local.

The only way this can be accomplished is for taxpayers to demand action and keep the pressure on until they receive satisfaction.

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FROM OUR FILES

50 YEARS AGO

June 11, 1920

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Wild strawberries are ripening and are reported a bumper crop. Thomas O'Connell has moved his family into the Frank Graves house on Baker Street.

Robert Brundage has purchased the lease on the Auditorium from W. S. Calhoun and will manage the Auditorium himself in the future.

The annual commencement exercises for Alfred University commence today and will continue until Wednesday evening, June 16. A Class of 32 are to graduate from the College and School of Ceramics.

Mr. and Mrs. Francis Casey of Vinny, Pa. spent the week-end with their mother, Mrs. John Casey.

Ernest Hand of Almond is spending his vacation at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. William Hand.

Mrs. Elizabeth Bess is passing some time with friends in Dansville.

Mrs. Eugene Hurd of Montour Falls, N. Y., was the guest of Mrs. Ira Kemp Friday and Saturday of last week.

David Yentzer of Roulette, Pa., has been visiting at the home of his sister, Mrs. W. E. Baker of Railroad Valley.

F. A. Williams and son, John of Washington, D. C., spent several days as guests of Mr. and Mrs. Roy Brundage of Buffalo.

Mrs. Manley Corbin of Belmont was visiting at the home of her brother, Station Agent and Mrs. Earl Howe, Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. A. O. Tucker have arrived in Andover from Kalamazoo, Mich., and expect to make Andover their future home.

Jesse Baker of Painted Post was called to Andover the first of the week on account of the death of his brother, Floyd Baker.

George Beebe, Floyd Scott Francis Kemp, George Vickers and J. Harvey Backus were in Hornell Sunday to attend the IOOF Memorial Service.

Herbert Padden of Buffalo was a week-end guest of his brother, Michael Padden of Chestnut Street. Postmaster W. F. O'Connell was called to Chicago Saturday on account of the serious illness of his sister Mrs. Anna Shannon. He returned home Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Pease, Mrs. Roxanna Burrows, Mrs. Clarence Clarke, Mrs. Edw. Teasdale and Mrs. Valencia Slocum were in Friendship Tuesday to attend a meeting of the Woman Voters League.

Mrs. Gertrude Fassett Jones, widow of the late Wm. F. Jones, whose death occurred this week at her home in Wellsville, has bequeathed to Wellsville her property on North Main Street for hospital purposes together with an endowment of \$30,000.

40 YEARS AGO

June 13, 1930

J. H. Backus & Son, Publishers
Paul Joyce, 14, son of Mr. and Mrs. Bartley Joyce, died at his home on Chestnut St. Thursday, June 11. His parents, a sister and four brothers survive. Interment was in St. John's Cemetery.

A. Frink Williams, 67, died Tuesday, June 10th at his home in Railroad Valley. His wife, two daughters, a son, two brothers and two sisters survive. Interment was in Hillside Cemetery.

Miss Jessamine E. Baker of Andover and G. Lyle Holden, were united in marriage Sunday, June 8 at the home of the bride's sister, Mrs. Sanders of Machias, by Rev. Clyde Ehret of Alfred.

Miss Edna L. Smith was a member of the graduating class at the commencement exercises June 5th of the Rochester General Hospital School of Nursing.

Mrs. LeRoy Brundage was in Buffalo last week to attend the commencement exercises of the Buffalo Hospital Sister of Charity School of Nursing of which her daughter, Miss Frances Brundage was a graduate.

ALBANY

open line

by Alex Rankin

New evidence — if anyone seriously doubted the situation — has just arrived documenting the fact that the state's first gubernatorial primary race under the new primary law is about as exciting as watching haircuts on a Saturday morning.

Newspaper political writers around the state each found a heavy envelope in their mailboxes from the campaign headquarters of Arthur Goldberg, one of the Democratic candidates for governor in the June 23 primary.

These reporters opened them to find two weeks of old press releases.

It wasn't a joke.

At the top of the pile was a letter from Goldberg's staff. It begins by complaining that the wire services have been doing a lousy job covering the campaign. To which all reporters not working for the two wires — meaning almost all of them — probably yawned.

"I know that there is nothing as dead as yesterday's news," the letter continued.

And the letter ends by describing the pile of stale press releases as a "treasure trove" of ideas for "situation pieces."

More like a Treasure Trove of Triviality.

Of all the apathetic campaigns being waged so far — and most fall into that category — Goldberg's tops the list.

Some experts will be surprised if more than 30 per cent of the eligible voters show up at the polls on the 23rd.

Meaning the Democratic candidates who will run against the

Republicans in the fall — and the Conservatives and the Liberals too — will have been selected by a minority.

Friends of George Michaels of Auburn, whether they agreed or disagreed with his late-second vote change on the abortion issue in Albany, were concerned after the Cortland and Cayuga County assemblyman's auto accident recently.

Michaels, involved in a primary fight because of his critical vote that saved the abortion reform bill from defeat, was campaigning when his car went off the road and smashed head-on into a railroad bridge abutment.

For awhile doctors at Auburn Memorial Hospital fought to save Michaels' life. He is now on the road to recovery.

The crash may have ended his political career, however. He is already on the November ballot because he has the Liberal nomination, but without the Democratic line he may be in trouble. It depends on how long he remains in the hospital.

Michaels' unfortunate accident also robs politicians of what had been a good opportunity to gauge the impact of the abortion issue in the voting booth.

So far there has been a lot of talk and threats on both sides of the issue. A Michaels victory or defeat in the primary could have shown the politicians what the voters really think.

Michaels hasn't withdrawn, of course, so he still has a shot via the "sympathy" vote — but that will serve only to cloud the issue rather than clarify it.

Baker Street are the parents of a daughter, born Thursday, June 6th.

Mrs. Christina Atwell of Elm Valley is the guest of her daughter, Mrs. Betty Krusen in Green wood for a few days.

Mrs. Joanna Clark and daughter of Elm Valley were week-end guests of her mother, Mrs. Wesche in Wellsville.

Mr. and Mrs. Aaron Howland and two children of Jonesville, Texas are passing their vacation in Wellsville and vicinity and were guests at the home of F. G. Mead and Carl Burdick of Elm Valley, Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Chester Green and family of Wellsville were week-end guests of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Orville Green of Davis Hill.

Miss Barbara Bassett was home from Niagara to spend the Decoration vacation with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. M. A. Bassett of Independence.

Mrs. Vincent Axford and daughter, Janet of Knoxville, Texas, and Mrs. Alfred Whitford of Watertown, Pa., are visiting their mother, Mrs. Maude Clarke and Mr. and Mrs. Carl Clarke of Independence.

John Lewis was home from Buffalo to spend the week-end with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Lewis of Independence.

Charles Spicer and Donald Lewis have returned to their homes in Independence from Alfred, where they have been attending school.

Mrs. Emmett Moran spent the holiday and week-end in Albany guest of Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Benson.

Mrs. Ernest Theetge and children left Thursday afternoon for Woodlee Staunton, Va., where Mr. Theetge is employed with the Du Pont company.

The Misses Verna and Thelma Quick of Silver Springs, spent from Friday until Sunday at the home of their aunt, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Church.

Mr. and Mrs. John Burns attended the Silver wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Archie Eldridge at Fillmore Saturday, returning to Genesee where they spent Sunday with their daughter, Miss Mary Teresa Burns.

30 YEARS AGO

June 6, 1940

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Mr. and Mrs. Charles Updyke celebrated their 57th wedding anniversary at their home in Andover Memorial Day.

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Kemp of

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