

VETERANS DAY — 1970

An Editorial

Veterans Day, 1970, is an occasion to salute all the men and women, from 1775 to the present, whose services in uniform have been vital to our country's growth, and more than once to its very survival.

The dedication of this day to all veterans properly focuses the Nation's attention. The truth is that, in the final analysis, it is not solely massive, armies, navies, and air forces or industrial might that win wars. Rather, victories are won by men — lonely individuals whose skins, courage, determination, and sacrifices, establish the measure of our Nation's strength.

While we can't recall it, there probably wasn't a moment of national relief and jubilation like that experienced by America on the eleventh hour of the eleventh month in 1918 — the World War Armistice Day which since World War II has been changed to Veterans Day and is observed as a National Holiday.

After World War I, this sacred moment was observed throughout our schools, public offices and across our nation by moments of silence.

It had been the "war to end all wars" — at least to Veterans and Americans. Great sacrifices had been made — but perpetual peace had been at last achieved! Yet this lasted just a little over 20 years.

This coming Wednesday we honor the men who also died in another great World Conflict, World War II, in addition to those who have paid the supreme sacrifice in Korea and other so-called Police Actions along the Communist Frontiers.

Today, as we go to print, more Americans are being killed at their posts in Viet Nam in an effort to halt the Communistic efforts that are being made to "Conquer and Rule the World."

The presence of our American Soldiers at these jumping off places of Civilization are a living reminder that despite all the talk of peace — a strong American force is an absolute necessity to preserve our American Ideals and Ways of Life and Liberty.

No one hates war more than the war veteran. No one strives more ardently for an honorable peace than the veteran who has known war in all its brutality. But the same veteran also knows that an honorable peace cannot be a reality as long as there are forces in the world aggressively seeking its domination and the eradication of individual dignity.

Veterans Day 1970 calls for a universal American expression of unity in support of today's generation of servicemen and women who are facing up to the hard truth in meeting this evil of our time. Their fine example follows in the same tradition of earlier generations of American veterans and should give confidence to all Americans. It proves that ordinary citizens are capable of meeting the challenges set before them in the defense of freedom anywhere in the world.

We believe that the actions and the antics of the "draft-dodgers" and exhibitionists that are preaching, or actually destroying their draft cards is something to make true Americans sick to their stomach.

Irresponsible and unpatriotic deeds like this have raised storms of protests and demonstrations across this great wide country of ours. But, it shows us that there are minority groups within our midst who have no respect for the Flag or the laws of the country that they are living in. These are the people that we have to watch out for — as well as the enemy!

"Teddy" Roosevelt is quoted as having once said: "Speak Softly — But Carry a Big Stick". This bit of blunt advice has been ignored many times since its utterance by we "Easy Going Americans" and has undoubtedly cost us billions of dollars as well as the lives of many good citizens and soldiers.

We, as Good Americans, should do our utmost to see that "Our Big Stick" is in constant readiness so that the lives of all those brave men who died to preserve our freedom, will not have been in vain!



50 YEARS AGO

J. H. Backus, Publisher

The Cheese Factory in Elm Valley, opened Monday with Paul DeRemet as cheesemaker.

Mrs. Milla Plagrey has been spending a week at the home of A. M. Mingus.

Mrs. William Dean of South Hill, visited friends in Hornell Thursday and Friday of last week.

Miss Anna Brown of Elm City, Pa., is the guest of her aunt, Mrs. John Casey for a few weeks.

Mrs. Muriel Earley returned home Friday from Buffalo after a few days visit with friends.

Kenneth Blackman of Scio, has been the guest at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Nobles for several weeks.

J. W. Golvin of Kane, Pa., is visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. William McDonough on Dyke Street.

Mrs. William Perkins and daughter of Shinglehouse, Pa., were week-end guests of her mother, Mrs. Ida Baker.

Miss Hettie Nobles of Squintville, is passing the week from her school duties at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Nobles.

Mr. and Mrs. Will Pease, accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. F. Moore of Canisteo, motored to Buffalo and Niagara Falls Sunday, returning Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. John F. Maxson of Quanacontoug, R. I., have been visiting at the home of their sister, Mrs. William Dodge and other relatives this week.

October 29, 1920

Miss Hettie Nobles of Andover and Kenneth Blackman of Scio, were united in marriage Monday, October 18th at Little Valley by Rev. Ivan E. Rossell.

Encie, little daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Claude Schoonover, died at their home on Greenwood Street, Monday, October 25th. Interment was in Hillside Cemetery.

Mrs. June Updyke, who has been spending a week with her son, Fred at West Union, returned to her home in Independence, Sunday.

Dr. and Mrs. L. N. Boston of Clarksboro, N. J., are spending a few days at the Crandall homestead in Independence.

Willis Clarke, who has been visiting his daughter in Independence for two weeks, returned to Milton, Wis., Monday.

Mrs. Brown of Norwich is visiting her sister, Dell Clair this week.

Mrs. Henry Livermore attended the Seventh Day Baptist Association held at Nile this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Leon Bloss motored over from Sayre, Pa., Saturday and were guests of Andover relatives over Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Calvin Slocum, who have been guests of their daughter, Mrs. A. W. Reed of Canisteo, returned home Tuesday.

Mrs. Flora Bess returned to the Wilcox house Tuesday after a few days visit with her brother, Cass Wilcox on Davis Hill.

Misses Amy VanHorn and Helen Hill of Alfred, were week-end guests of Miss Eloise Clarke.

40 YEARS AGO

October 31, 1930

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Miss Florence Burdick of Andover and James Gibson of Wellsville were united in marriage October 11 by Rev. Nicholson of Olean.

Bertha Hardy was installed as Noble Grand of Andover Rebekah Lodge No. 303, Wednesday evening.

Miss Monica Padden of Andover and John Connors of Wellsville were united in marriage Saturday, October 25th by Rev. Charles E. McHugh at the Blessed Sacrament Church.

Walter Green of Alfred Station has purchased the William Tucker farm in Elm Valley.

A large barn on the Dan Mullen farm in West Greenwood, was destroyed by fire Monday night, together with a large quantity of hay and farm implements.

ALBANY

open line

by Alex Rankin

Prediction:

Beginning in January, the legislative hopper in Albany is going to fill up with election reform bills.

The word is that many politicians are finally getting fed up with long, expensive campaigns that in large measure get nothing but large yawns from the voters.

Someone figured out that this year's election ran a total of 123 days — from the June 23 primary to the November 2 election.

One of the first bills in the hopper will be one making sometime in August the time parties meet to pick, or rubber-stamp, candidates.

That should cut the campaign trail to a more merciful 60 days or so.

It will be impossible, but there will also be attempts to put teeth into laws restricting the amount a candidate may spend in an election.

It will prove impossible because in politics power is closely associated with money — and money is the one thing, aside from words — that gets thrown around the most in election campaigns.

Some lawmakers are talking about bills that would bar a candidate from having more than one leg on the stool.

That top is going down the drain, or up in smoke.

Splinter parties such as the Liberal and Conservative got to where they are today primarily because they were able to bargain for their lines. Republican and Democratic leaders are not about to do away with this avenue of bargaining that had elected more than one candidate, from Rockefeller right on down the line.

A bill with a better chance would be one that would force a runoff if a candidate got less than 45 per cent of the vote.

Miss Margaret Dean of South Hill, spent Sunday and Monday at the O'Leary home in Andover.

John Waters has moved his family from Bolivar to the Chapman house at Barney Mills.

Patrick Perrone of the Andover High School Faculty, had the misfortune to break his collar bone while playing with the Wellsville Elks at the Ridgway game Sunday.

About seventy Andover people attended the reception given by the Methodist Church for their new pastor, Rev and Mrs. R. C. Shergur, Monday evening.

Miss Marguerite Dougherty spent from Saturday until Monday with her sister, Mrs. H. R. Griswold of Hornell.

Miss Helen Greene, R.N., of Akron, Ohio, spent Monday with her sister, Mrs. Vivian Sweet and brother, M. E. Greene.

Mrs. Lee Trowbridge accompanied her son, Clarence Trowbridge and family to Buffalo, Niagara Falls and vicinity and were guests of relatives, returning Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Murlaugh Murphy of Rochester, were guests at the home of Mrs. W. J. McAndrew Monday and Tuesday.

Francis McAndrew returned to Alfred University Monday, where he is attending school after a week-end visit with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. George McAndrew.

Mr. and Mrs. N. C. Searles and children of East Haddam, Conn. were guests of Mrs. Searles' father J. D. Cheesman and wife from Thursday until Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Traster, Mrs. Ella Traster and Miss Helen Vickers went to North Hardland Wednesday, where they remained for the week-end with friends.

A company of fourteen ladies motored to the home of Mrs. Howard Dean Wednesday afternoon, giving Mrs. William Dean a shower of beautiful and useful gifts for her new home.

Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Payne and daughters of Perry, were visiting at the D. M. Green home Sunday. Mrs. Payne was formerly Miss Lena Gray.

30 YEARS AGO

October 17, 1940

Chaire C. Backus, Publisher Word has been received by relatives that Michael F. Boyle of Buffalo a former Andover resident, died Wednesday, October 9th.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Smith are parents of a son, born Saturday October 12th.

Mr. and Mrs. Lenford Grossman are parents of a daughter, born Friday, October 11th.

Mr. and Mrs. Alton Comstock of Purdy Creek, are the parents of a son, born Friday, October 11th.

Messrs. S. W. Clarke, W. D. Clarke, R. E. Spicer, C. M. Crandall and S. B. Crandall of Independence, are attending the National Dairy Show held in Harrisburg, Pa., this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Cleon Clarke of

Independence, visited Mr. and Mrs. Mitchell at Wolf Run, Pa., over the week-end.

Mrs. Sarah Howland of Wellsville is passing a few days at the home of her sister, Mrs. Nellie Mead of Elm Valley.

Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Williams are attending the World's Fair in New York City this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Thompson of Oneonta passed the week-end at the home of Mr. and Mrs. William Pease.

Postmaster and Mrs. J. D. Cheesman and Mrs. Gail Reynolds have been guests at the home of Mr. Cheesman's daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Searles and family of Trenton, New Jersey the past few days.

Carl Childs went to New York City Tuesday, where he will attend a Dairy Inspectors Conference and take in the World's Fair "Bus" expects to return home Sunday.

R. O. Snyder and son, Craig, returned Sunday from attending the World's Fair in New York City.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Eno and son, Richard, of Rochester, visited her mother, Mrs. Mary Lynch and family from Friday until Sunday.

October 24, 1940

John Illig, 69, of Independence, died Tuesday, October 22. His wife and a sister survive. Interment was in Mahoney City, Pa.

Mrs. Elizabeth Bess, 88, died at the King's Daughters' Home in Dansville, Tuesday, October 22nd.

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Neu are occupying rooms in the Mr. and Mrs. Earl Dawson house and working in the Silk Mill.

Mrs. Dorothy Domes of Franklinville, took over the management of the Andover Theatre, Monday, succeeding Donald Rogers, who has conducted the theatre for some time.

The deep well on the C. M. Crandall farm in Independence was drilled in Saturday with an eight million foot flow of gas.

Another fall with many a potato crop frozen from our hard freeze that started last Friday, and continued over the week-end with the mercury between 14 and 30.

Mr. and Mrs. John Kelley of New York City, spent last week with her aunt, Mrs. E. Gallagher.

Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Howland spent the week-end in Buffalo guests of Mr. and Mrs. Donald Lynch.

Alan Tuttle left Thursday for Tulsa, Okla., where he will enter the Spartan School of Aeronautics.

Mr. and Mrs. Anthony Dougherty, Michael Dougherty and Miss Irene Dougherty, attended the funeral of their uncle and brother, John Dougherty, held at Port Allegany, Pa., Tuesday.

Mrs. R. L. Bennett of Rochester is spending the week at the home of her brother, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Hoard.

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