

## AMERICAN LEGION ANNIVERSARY — 1973

An Editorial.



Fifty-four years ago, a small group of war-weary servicemen representing the various outfits of the American Expeditionary Force met in Paris, France, and brought forth a magnificent idea. These delegates — still in the uniform of their country and thousands of miles from home — brought to that assembly in Paris the raw materials with which to build a civilian organization of war veterans dedicated to God and Country.

They recognized the need for a fraternity of service which should have as its purpose the preservation and perpetuation of the lofty principles of Justice, Freedom and Democracy.

And their "big idea" became The American Legion.

In the succeeding 54 years, three generations of war veterans have been united under the banner of The American Legion. While they are proud of having met the highest obligation of citizenship service in the uniform of their Country in time of war, American Legionnaires also realize that the responsibilities of citizenship do not end when the military uniform has been exchanged for civilian apparel.

As a fraternity of service which has as one of its basic purposes "to inculcate a sense of individual obligation to community, state and nation," The American Legion has become a pacesetter to the nation in the expression of patriotic thought and deed. Of great concern to the Legion today is the possibility that leaders of the godless communist doctrine shall mistake demonstrations and expressions by a handful of dissidents as an indication of weakness on the part of our nation.

A staunch advocate of our nation's policy to defend the cause of freedom against the threat of forces seeding world domination, The American Legion has stepped to the forefront in the upsurge of patriotic expression which has swept the country in recent months. In so doing, the Legion has helped not only to re-awaken a spirit of national responsibility but also to affirm in the eyes of a doubtful world the depth of our nation's purpose.

On this 54th Anniversary of The American Legion, we salute the "big idea" of this gigantic fraternity of service. May the millions of Legionnaires throughout the nation continue to succeed in their endeavors dedicated to God and Country — and, ultimately, a better world.

In observance of The American Legion, let's fly our Flag during the week of March 11 - 17.

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## 50 YEARS AGO

March 2, 1923

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Word was received in Andover Wednesday, of the death of Edward Mosher of Westfield, N. J., son of the late John M. Mosher, and former Andover High School graduate. He is survived by his wife, three brothers and two sisters, Mrs. Anna Lewis of Alfred Station and Mrs. Margaret Coleman of Andover. Mrs. Lewis and Mrs. Coleman left Thursday to attend the funeral.

A birthday party was given Mrs. William Pease, Wednesday evening, February 28th at her home on Greenwood Hill, by a company of thirty neighbors and a sleighload of friends from Andover Village. A fine supper was served.

Mrs. Annette Porter Barney, 80, died at her home in Andover, Monday, February 26th. Two daughters, a son and two brothers survive. Funeral services were held Wednesday with the Rev. C. H. Whelan officiating. Interment was in Hillside Cemetery.

Mrs. Erma Cooper, 37, died at her home on the Lever farm, Friday, February 23rd. Her husband Frank Cooper, her father, Edward Sherwood, three sons, a daughter, and four sisters survive. Funeral services were held Tuesday with burial in the Johnson Cemetery.

George Wereley, Jr., has decided on the printing business, and has entered the News Office to learn his trade.

The marriage of Miss Florence Milligan and Ralph Wickwire was consummated at the Methodist Parsonage, Sunday, February 25, by the Rev. C. H. Whelan.

Beginning March 1st, the Dairymen's League milk went to Whitesville instead of Belmont. On account of the road conditions, it is necessary to make the trip with horses for the present.

Miss Doris Dean spent the week-end with her grandmother, Mrs. Margaret Garvin.

W. R. Sudborough and Jas. McDonough were in Buffalo and Rochester on a business trip from Monday until Friday of last week.

C. D. Eskins of Shovel Hollow, left Wednesday to spend a few days visiting his sister, Mrs. C. F. Hamilton of the Vandermark.

Darius Pingrey has moved from the Ed Horan farm on South Hill to the Sanford Meade farm in Greenwood.

Mrs. P. Mulcahy spent Thursday in Allegany, guest of her daughter, Mrs. Frank Ryan.

J. J. Regan of Auburn was a business caller in town the first of the week, working in the interest of the Dairymen's League.

Mrs. Cora Williamson of Greenwood, has been passing the week at the home of her sister, Mrs. P. M. Swink on Maple Street.

W. A. Barney of St. Paul, Michigan, arrived in Andover last Friday, called here by the critical condition of his mother, Mrs. Annette Barney.

Miss Anna Snyder, R.N., has returned to her duties at the Jones Memorial Hospital, after spending a week with her mother, Mrs. Katherine Snyder of Elm Valley.

Misses Lena and Louise Will returned home Sunday after spending the week with relatives and friends at Elm Valley.

R. J. Hammond of Painted Post passed several days the first of the week with his mother, Mrs. Ida Hammond.

Miss Fannie Remington of Elmira, visited her uncle, Delos Remington, at the home of Miss Alice Clarke, last week.

Mrs. Earl Bassett was called from Buffalo this week by the illness of her sister, Mrs. E. A. Richardson.

## 40 YEARS AGO

March 10, 1933

J. H. Backus &amp; Son, Publishers

The house being built by George Blessing on Grove Street is now nearing completion. Arthur Jones is finishing the interior decorating this week.

A party of friends and relatives

ALBANY

open line

by Alex Rankin

Assemblymen have had the upper hand for so long they were understandably stung the other day when Republican Senate Majority Leader Warren Anderson of Binghamton came out with his own alternative to Gov. Rockefeller's proposal to throw all convicted drug pushers behind bars for life.

For years it has been an accepted fact of life around the capitol that the Assembly is the independent body in the Legislature, with the Senate more often than not sitting around on little hooks waiting to play rubber stamp to the governor.

Anderson is quickly changing all that — with the help, of course, of about \$200,000 worth of press secretaries.

There appeared to have been something of a gentlemen's agreement to let the Codes Committee of the two houses hold extensive public hearings and then come up with an alternative to Rockefeller's plan — which most agree is too strong for a majority of legislators in both houses.

Then Anderson called a press conference and announced his plan. Essentially it would let a jury — instead of the Legislature — decide in each case if a defendant was a "major trafficker" in drugs and order his locked up for life.

Most importantly, it contains a provision for a mandatory minimum jail sentence for those not found by the jury to be major traffickers in drugs.

That latter point was to be one of the key elements in the bill the two Codes Committees are working on.

gave Mrs. Herman Lehman a surprise visit on her birthday Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Raish have moved from Arkport to Andover and are located on the E. P. Stearns farm on Pingrey Hill, which they will work the coming year.

Charles Gath won the coffee guessing contest at the Larkin Store last week. The contest was to guess how many coffee beans there were in a large glass humidor of coffee beans. Mr. Gath's guess was 6,849. The container held 6,610 beans.

James P. Cannon Co., is having a sale this week on new Silk Dresses at \$3.95 each. Also all wash Dresses at 59c each.

Meat Specials this week-end at the Market Basket Store are: Veal Roasts lb. 15c. Veal Breast lb. 10c. Chuck Roast of Beef lb. 12c. Plate Beef lb. 6c. Link Sausages lb. 11c. and Frankfurters lb. 11c.

Dr. Alfred H. Backus of Indianapolis, Indiana, is a guest at the home of his brother, J. H. Backus and family for a few days this week.

Miss Mae Cocoman of Buffalo, is visiting her sister, Mrs. James Baker for a few days.

Mrs. James Dunnigan visited at the home of her daughter, Mr. and Mrs. T. F. Cronin and family at Wellsville, Sunday and Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. T. G. Burdick and son, Clifford, of Railroad Valley, were called to Waverly last week by the serious illness of their son and brother, Dr. Elwood Burdick.

Mr. and Mrs. A. O. Kemp and son, Oliver, motored to West Greenwood Sunday, where they visited at the home of her brother, John Swarts.

Mrs. Jack Shanley of Horseheads, was a week-end guest at the home of Mrs. Mabel Bundy.

Mrs. Pearl Davis is passing the week at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Halsey at West Greenwood.

Mrs. Mae Whitney and Gladys Whitney have gone to Nunda where they are employed in the Silk Mill, there.

Miss Ruby Robinson of Alfred, spent the week-end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Robinson. H. D. Rogers and son, Albert, of Rochester, passed the week-end at the home of their daughter and sister, Mr. and Mrs. Denzel Baker.

That's what Republican Assembly Speaker Perry B. Duryea, Jr., of Montauk was telling GOP Assemblymen in private. That word must also have gotten to Anderson's people, who promptly stole the show.

Now some columnists are beginning to talk about Anderson as a gubernatorial candidate, if not in 1974, then in 1978.

Anderson has also made reporters happy by filing a bill that would require all state agencies to open up their payroll files to the press.

He also ordered his staff to stop playing games with reporters and open up the Senate payroll on a year-round basis. Until now, the payrolls have been opened on one day, with reporters fighting over the space on a small table to copy down names and salaries.

Duryea told a meeting of the State Publishers Association the other day that one of the ways no-fault auto insurance is going to be made to work is to end the so-called open rating system, where insurance companies set their own rates without hearings. The law setting that system dies on December 31. It won't be renewed and the state will go back to the old system of having the State Insurance Department fix the rates. The open-rating system was tried because proponents argued that in the competitive market place with no restrictions, rates would drop. Duryea said it hasn't worked, as anyone who has been paying auto insurance premiums can attest.

Mrs. William Dodge returned Monday from several days visit with her daughter and family, Mr. and Mrs. Otto Nye of Independence.

Howard Briggs of Penn Yan, was a week-end guest at the home of his brother, John Briggs. Everett Briggs returned with him for a few days visit.

Mrs. William McDonough left on the Erie Limited, Monday for an extended visit with her daughter, Mrs. Harry Bagley of New York City.

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Mead of Elmira, Mr. and Mrs. Avery Mead and daughter, Rosemary, and Mr. and Mrs. Lynn Trowbridge and family, were Sunday dinner guests of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. R. Mead of East Valley.

## 30 YEARS AGO

March 4, 1943

Claire C. Backus, Publisher

The Soldier pictures published in the Andover News this week are: Quentin E. West (Ted), serving in the U. S. Merchant Marines and Private Lyle West. They are sons of Mr. and Mrs. Burdette West of Andover.

A surprise birthday party was given Mrs. Clare Jackson Wednesday by a group of friends. Cards were enjoyed and refreshments served.

The Andover Central School Purple Panthers won their first County Championship in basketball Tuesday night by defeating Friendship 25 - 18 in an intersection play-off on the Cuba Central School Court. The Panthers will journey to Corning Northside Saturday night to engage Campbell Central School, Steuben County "C" champions for the inter-county title and the right to represent this section at Rochester.

Miss Elma Benton of Accord, N. Y., has been secured by the Board of Education to teach physical Education Classes in Andover Central School beginning next September.

Joseph Hemmer recently purchased the Jacob Hann property in Elm Valley.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Spicer and two sons of Coudersport, Pa., spent Saturday and Sunday guests

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