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 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.

A "DOG-GONE" Good Question! — An Editorial

Last week, May 6-12, was celebrated nationally as a "Be Kind To Animals Week" sponsored by the American Humane Association.

What we ask is: "Why not have a Take Care of Animals Week" — 52 weeks of the year, starting with dog owners?

After watching a lady emerge from the local Bank last week with her small dog on a leash, only to be confronted by a pack of five snarling, snapping dogs of all sizes — well, we think it is about time for some one to enforce the regulations that are in effect here in Allegany County.

As a reminder to all Dog Owners — the rabies Certification for Allegany County is still in effect — as well as the regular night Quarantine on dogs.

With all of the dogs running wild here in Andover — both day — and night, we want to know why these laws can't be, and aren't being enforced?

FROM OUR FILES

50 YEARS AGO

May 4, 1923

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Miss Mame Doran and Mrs. Robert Dean were week-end guests of their sister, Miss Katherine Doran of Canisteo.

Mrs. Amy Hunt of Wellsville, passed the week-end at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Stebbins on Greenwood Street.

Mrs. David Slocum went to Buffalo Wednesday to visit her daughter, Mrs. H. F. Horton, the remainder of the week.

J. Lester Cassidy, who has been spending a few weeks at the home of his aunt, Mrs. E. Gallagher, returned to his home in New York City, Tuesday.

Mrs. Addie Coleman and sister, Mrs. E. G. Probasco, arrived in Andover Tuesday from St. Petersburg, Florida, where they have been passing the winter.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Smith have returned to Andover and are living in their old home. Mrs. John Strait of Almond, is assisting her mother in getting settled.

May 11, 1923

The Board of Education of Andover High School has received the signed contract from Prof. Warner W. Palmer of Rochester, accepting the principalship of the Andover School for the coming year.

Mr. and Mrs. B. S. Brown have come to Andover to make this town their future home. Mr. Brown has disposed of his barbershop at Painted Post.

Mrs. Leah Ardell Smith, 27, died at the family home on Greenwood Hill, Wednesday, May 9. Her husband, her parents, a sister and a brother survive. Funeral services were held Friday with interment in the Brewster Cemetery on Greenwood Hill.

Miss Thelma Alvord of Andover, accompanied Miss Virginia Crandall of Independence, home for the week-end.

Mr. and Mrs. Uriah Davis and son, Robert of Rochester, spent from Friday until Sunday with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Davis on Davis Hill.

At the recent Davis Hill school meeting Floyd Slocum was elected Trustee, L. E. Davis Collector and Lee Davis, Clerk. Miss Marie Joyce has been secured to teach the school again the coming year.

Mr. and Mrs. O. R. Henderson and children of Rochester, spent Saturday and Sunday with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. B. S. Baker.

Mrs. Lena Langworthy of Elm Valley, passed the week-end with relatives in Alfred Station.

Mr. and Mrs. A. A. Porter and Mrs. W. S. Calhoun passed the week-end in Buffalo.

Mrs. Fannie Cady of Hornell, passed the week-end guest of Miss Amy Mayberry on Barney Street.

Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Swarts of Hornell are guests of his sister and family, Mr. and Mrs. A. O. Kemp.

Miss Francis Beebe and cousin, Miss Helen Yorton of Michigan, are in New York City this week, guests of Mrs. Herman Woy and Mrs. D. T. Cook.

Mrs. Emily Perry and Mrs. Lydia Warfield of Andover, visited from Friday until Sunday night at the Clifford Ormsby home at Alfred Station.

Mr and Mrs. Kenneth Blackman of Franklinville, were in Andover to pass the week-end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Nobles.

Mrs. Adelia Hunt returned Tuesday to her home in this Village, after passing the winter with Mrs. Amy Travis and Miss Fannie Spaulding in Washington, D. C.

Mrs. Grace Henry of Hornell, was a week-end guest of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Bennett.

40 YEARS AGO

May 12, 1933

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The congregation of the Blessed Sacrament Church gave a reception Tuesday evening in the parish house on Church Street, to welcome their new pastor, the Rev. Herman Gerlach.

Dean J. Horan, manager of the Endicott-Johnson shoe store in Schenectady during the past twelve years, has been named district manager.

Lewis Mravin, 70, brother of George Marvin of Andover, died at his home in Angelica, May 1st.

Miss Virgil Slaght, who will graduate from Geneseo Normal in June will teach the coming year in her home district on Greenwood Hill.

Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Carpenter of Barney Street, are parents of a daughter, Bonita Ann, born Monday, May 8th.

Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Dickinson have moved from the Joyce property on Third Street to Wellsville where he is employed in the Sinclair Plant. John Cocoman and family will occupy the house vacated by the Dickinsons.

At a spelling contest conducted by the Buffalo Evening News, the prize was won in the Elm Valley School, Miss Agnes Fisher, teacher by Elnora Baker.

Miss Holbert of Elmira Heights was a guest over the week-end of Mrs. Carl Clarke of Independence.

Mr. and Mrs. William Bell and daughter returned to their home in Franklinville Sunday. Mrs. Bell has been spending a week with her mother, Mrs. Lottie Drew of Independence.

At the Independence school meeting held Tuesday evening. M. A. Bassett was elected Trustee and Mrs. Agnes Greene has been hired to teach the coming year.

Seth Baker has rented the Michael Cannon farm on Call Hill and has moved goods there.

A large number attended the school meeting in Hartsville District No. 6. Dan Mullen was elected Trustee, John Mullen, Collector and Isabelle Caward, Clerk. Miss Ethel Drake of Woodhull, our present techer, was again hired to teach the school for the coming year.

Mr. and Mrs. I. H. Gilfillan of Cumberland, Md., came Monday night and are visiting her mother, Mrs. William McDonough, while here Mr. Gilfillan is buying maple syrup.

D. M. Greene went to Alfred Thursday where he is a guest at the home of Mr. and Mrs. DeForest Truman for a few days.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Bassett and Miss Loretta Woy of Buffalo, passed the week-end at the home of her sister, Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Richardson.

Mrs. Delia Hunt, who has been in Washington, D. C., for the winter, returned home Saturday to pass the summer at her home on Dyke Street.

Mrs. Lester E. Sprague and son, Edwin Earl, of Hainsville, N. J., are visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Earl Jackson this week.

Mr. and Mrs. E. S. Wood of Oswego, were guests of Andover relatives from Thursday until Saturday.

Mrs. Dan Witter spent the week-end with her mother, Mrs Jane Updyke at Independence.

Mr. and Mrs. Orris Parker were guests at the home of their daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Martin Schnieder at Shortsville from Saturday until Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. E. N. Johnson of Niagara Falls were visiting her sister and husband, Mr. and Mrs. H. G. Clark from Thursday until Monday.

Mrs. H. E. Hurd left Friday for Montana to visit at the home of her daughter and family, Mrs. Vesta Robinson.

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ALBANY open line

by Alex Rankin

Richard M. Rosenbaum, state chairman of the Republican Party, should get an award for at least trying this week.

His press releases normally find their way into many waste baskets because of their understandably self-serving nature. He has nothing but praise for Republicans. Recently he put one on President Nixon's speech taking the blame for the Watergate affair. Good.

But reporters in the Capitol press room who managed to get beyond the first paragraph had to look twice when they ran across the following: "Watergate was never a Republican project."

Sixty-two Assemblymen, as the saying goes in the Capitol corridors, "took a walk" recently on a motion to bring up a bill repealing the so-called "hot dog" tax.

Many of them will say that they were called out of the chamber on business, but they have an obligation to their constituents to say exactly where they were on this important piece of legislation.

The bill is holed up in the Assembly Ways and Means Committee. If it ever gets out, the vote for it would be unanimous. But so far Republicans aren't letting it out.

The hot-dog tax was added to the sales tax in the closing hours of the session several years ago. It taxes items under one dollar. It raises less than $100 million a year in revenue.

If only six of the 62 who weren't there for the vote had been, the measure would have passed.

Those absent were:

Abramson of Jamaica, Alvarez of the Bronx, Barbaro of Brooklyn, Battista of Brooklyn, Beckman of Westfield, Bell of Woodstock, Botrus of Poughkeepsie, Blumenthal of New York City, Bianco of Huntington, Boland of Binghamton, Burns of Amityville, Calogero of Utica, Carroll of Rochester, Cochrane of Brightwaters, C. D. Cook of Delhi, C. E. Cook of Ithaca, D. W. Cook of Henrietta, Cunningham of Batavia, Daly of Dansville, Dinkins of Niagara Falls, DiCarlo of Huntington.

Also DiFalco of New York City, Dugan of Rockland, Farrington of Brooklyn, Green of Hempstead, Griffith of Brooklyn, Grisanti of Brooklyn, Hanna of Webster, Hawkins of Buffalo, Hedley of Massapequa, Herbst of Newburgh, Ingrassia of Middletown, Jones of North Merrick, Justin of Depew, Levine of Bethpage, Levy of Suffern, Lopresto of Flushing, Luther of Dolgeville, Mannix of Larchmont, McCarthy of Huntington Station.

Also G. W. Miller of New York City, H. J. Miller of Forest Hills, G. A. Murphy of Seaford, O'Doherty of Sayville, Rappleyea of Norwich, Reilly of Glen Cove, Rigord of Auburn, Rosse of Hopewell Junction, Husso of Station Island, Sears of Woodgate, Solarz of Brooklyn, Solomon of Glens Falls, Stein of New York City, Suchin of Dobbs Ferry, Taylor of Watertown, Velella of the Bronx, Volker of Depew, Wertz of Commack, Williams of Brooklyn, Wright of Brooklyn, and Speaker Duryea of Montauk.

They all had ample notice that the motion was going to be made. More than a week in advance Democratic Assemblyman Burton C. Hecht of the Bronx made a speech, put it in writing in an official notice and sent out a press release.

Where were they?

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