

AMERICAN LEGION ANNIVERSARY — 1974

An Editorial



Fifty-five 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 55 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 seeking 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 reawaken 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 55th 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 10 - 16.

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50 YEARS AGO

January 11, 1924

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John Wahl has purchased of the estate of the late Granville Barney the residence on Main Street, now occupied by Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Calhoun and will take possession March 1st.

Mrs. Walter Rose of Buffalo, is spending a few days at the F. M. Lee home at Tip Top.

Miss Lenora Dean has returned to her school work in Cleveland, Ohio after spending the holiday vacation at her home on South Hill.

Miss Mary Dean of the Sisters Hospital in Buffalo, spent a short New Year's vacation with her father on South Hill.

Mrs. W. J. Potter of Independence, has been visiting her daughter, Mrs. Floyd Pease at Greenwood.

Maxson Crandall of Independence returned to Alfred, Sunday, after a two weeks vacation.

Miss Virginia Crandall returned to Geneseo, Wednesday after spending the holidays at her home in Independence.

Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Casey of Dansville, spent the week-end with his mother, Mrs. Ellen Casey.

Robert Barrett and sister, Mary of Arcade, passed Sunday with their grandmother, Mrs. Mary Barrett.

Raymond Guinn returned to Port Jervis after spending the holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. James Guinn.

John Mulcahy of Olean was called home Sunday on account of the sudden illness of his father, Patrick Mulcahy.

Miss Cyrrilla Dunnigan of Hornell, spent New Year's week guest of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. James Dunnigan.

Mr. and Mrs. John French of Purdy Creek have been passing several days guests of his mother, Mrs. Elmer Kaple.

Miss Elizabeth Volke of Canisio, who has been spending a few days guest of her sister, Mrs. Ralph Temple, returned home Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Murray of Hornell, spent Saturday and Sunday with their daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Edward McAndrew.

Miss Ruth Mings left Monday for New York City, where she is to report January 15th at Bellevue Hospital to enter training as a nurse.

January 18, 1924

The following officers will serve Andover's Fraternal Societies for the coming year: H. E. Robinson, Master of Andover Grange No. 1098; Carlyle Myers, Noble Grand, Andover Lodge No. 786, I.O.O.F.; Jennie Carr, Noble Grand, Andover Rebekah Lodge; Robert Brundage, Master, Andover Lodge No. 558, F. & A. M.; Minnie A. Clair, Worthy Matron of Anna W. McArthur Chapter No. 242, O.E.S.; Fannie Backus, President of Edward Seaman Relief Corps; Mrs. Alta Shepard, President of Woman's Christian Temperance Union.

John Karcanes has purchased a new refrigerating and ice plant to accommodate the rapidly growing business of the Sugar Bowl.

A few Davis Hill friends of Mrs. L. E. Davis gave her a surprise oyster supper in honor of her birthday, Monday evening.

Mrs. F. W. Clarke, 72, of Whitesville, died January 7. Andover relatives attending the funeral were: Mr. and Mrs. Lee Trowbridge, Mrs. Will Clarke, Mr. and Mrs. Elwin Livermore and Mr. and Mrs. Henry Livermore.

Mrs. Robert Moran went to Rochester, Thursday, where they expect to make their future home. Mr. Moran has a position with the Eastman Kodak Co. of that city.

Wilmer Cronk and Clarence Slaght were at Interlaken last week to attend the funeral of their aunt, Mrs. Sara Horton.

Mr. and Mrs. H. S. Thorne and Mr. and Mrs. Henry Bennett were week-end guests of Mr. and Mrs. F. L. Scott at Cuba. Mrs. Cynthia



by Alex Rankin

2/25/74 — Last week, after more than eight hours of sometime bitter debate, the Legislature granted Gov. Wilson sweeping powers to deal with the state's gasoline crisis.

It was, by far, the most important issue to face the Legislature this year. Its ramifications, of course, affect every business and individual in the state, and because of that it has become a major political issue in this election year.

Wilson has said repeatedly he is reluctant to use any powers to correct the crisis situation in many parts of the state. His attitude stems from his basic conservative philosophy that that government which least "interferes" with the lives of its citizens is the best.

On a theoretical level it is difficult to find fault with such a philosophy, but not with the practical matter of the energy crisis.

Wilson is already losing ground in the political race to Democrats, who accused him in debate over the bill of being timid.

Democrats attempted to amend the bill to make gasoline rationing mandatory in the state, but Republicans who control both houses managed to get the bill through intact.

In a curious development, Wilson held a press conference the day before the debate and tried to leave the impression that it wasn't his bill — which it was.

All that leaves is the impression that: Wilson will stick with the largely unworkable voluntary allocation plan for some time.

Republican Assembly Speaker Perry B. Duryea, Jr., may force his hand, however. Duryea has on the Assembly calendar ready for action a bill by Assemblyman Glenn Harris of Canada Lake that would mandate rationing.

It is also interesting to observe that the voting on the bill had a pattern: Everyone was for it except legislators from the Buffalo area, where gasoline — at this writing at least — is not in short supply, an expression of the fear that with the powers, Wilson might take gasoline away from Buffalo and give it to New York City.

Finally, it is also worth noting that even with the new law the Legislature has given him, Wilson is powerless to get more gasoline into the state unless the federal government allocates it. But that is the ideal solution. For now the problem is how to bring an end to the long lines at gasoline stations for what gasoline the state does have.

2/4/74 — If you want to make it rain or snow in New York State,

Scott returned with them for a visit.

W. F. Snyder was in New York City Monday and Tuesday in the interest of the Brown and Bailey Condensory.

Mrs. Ralph E. Kemp was a guest of her brother, C. F. Whitaker in Olean over the week-end.

Mr. and Mrs. Manley Scott of Whitesville, visited relatives in Andover last week.

Mrs. M. A. Fowler came home from Buffalo Friday, returning to the city, Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Robinson and daughter, Ruby, and C. A. Robinson were in Greenwood Thursday in attendance at the funeral of N. E. Coston.

Miss Ann Hurd entertained a company of Andover friends at her home in Belmont, Saturday evening. Dancing was the feature of the evening followed by a luncheon.

40 YEARS AGO

January 5, 1924

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Mrs. Anna M. Stephens, 84, died Wednesday, Jan. 3. Two daughters, Mrs. Florence Earley and Mrs. Mae Parker and four grand-

children survive. Funeral services were held Friday with the Rev. W. C. Pero officiating. Interment was in Hillside Cemetery.

Every member of the Juvenile from its Matron, Edith Thorne and its Master, Francis Mead, down to the youngest member, are very happy in having a part in placing their order on the National Grange Honor Roll as Andover Juvenile Grange No. 214.

Mr. and Mrs. Louis Vanderhoef moved Tuesday to Hartsville where they will work the Kline Farm. Miss Margaret Grossman was given a surprise party Saturday evening in honor of her birthday by a company of neighbors. Mrs. Grace Howland was pleasantly surprised on her birthday Tuesday evening by a party of 30 friends and neighbors. Cards were enjoyed and refreshments were brought and served by the company.

Miss Doris Whitney, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Hubert Whitney of Andover and Leg Marvel, son of Mr. and Mrs. William Marvel of Alfred Station, were united in marriage Sunday, December 31st by Rev. Walter Dynes of Wyoming, N. Y.

Among the better bills introduced is one that would bring more aid to students from middle-income families who want to attend college. The bill, sponsored by Republican Senate Majority Leader Warren Anderson of Binghamton and Sen. Ronald Stafford of Clinton County, would in addition to providing more money, bring all the present student aid programs under one program.

Instead of having to fill out a bale of forms, the student and his family would have only one form to contend with.

Under the current scholar incentive program a student can qualify for up to \$600 a year. The bill would increase that to \$700 for public schools and \$1,000 a year in private colleges. It would also drop a requirement that the student pay the first \$200 of tuition.

If he is still in office by that time, citizens may remember that the other day Gov. Wilson predicted that state spending would increase by only \$1.7 billion in the next five years, from \$9.3 to \$11 billion.

The projection is required of the governor by state law, who noted in his announcement that it is not a budget or a financial plan — and therefore he can't be held to it.

The best political speculation game this week involves the name of a man who might be the Republican candidate for Lt. Gov. This fall. In the ticket-balancing game, it will have to be an up-stater. So far the most frequently mentioned names are Ed Regan of Buffalo and Tarky Lombardi of Syracuse. Former Sen. Thomas Laverne of Rochester is staging an active campaign, being pushed by the Monroe County GOP chairman, Don Cook.

Other active candidates are Nassau County Executive Ralph Casso and State Court of Appeals Judge Sol Wachter, who is being mentioned by some as an attractive possibility.

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