

## MEMORIAL DAY — 1974

An Editorial

They did not pass in selfishness; they died for all mankind;  
They died to build a better world, for all who stay behind;  
And we who hold their memory dear, and bring them flowers today,  
Should consecrate ourselves once more, to live and die as they.  
To symbolize our love with flowers, is not enough to do;  
We must be brave as they were brave, and true as they were true,  
They died to build a better world, and we who mourn today,  
Should consecrate ourselves once more, to live and die as they.

In May, 1868, that classic patriotic literature issued by the Commander-in-Chief of the GAR, General John A. Logan, as General Orders No. 11, established the observance of Memorial Day.

On Monday, May 27, the nation will pause to honor by word and deed those who have given their lives in America's defense.

Memorial Day signifies, perhaps more deeply than any other patriotic observance, the soul of America.

It was set aside as a Holiday to honor the dead and speak proudly of our National Traditions. The American Flag was waved proudly not cynically; people knew what it stood for and were not ashamed to doff their hats and stand at attention when it proudly passed by, carried by an interested citizen. Most people were proud to give the "Pledge of Allegiance" to the Flag of our Country, whether it was in Church, School, Fraternal Meetings, or in Public Assemblies.

The patriots to be remembered in a special way on that day represent every generation of Americans. They fell in battles widely separated by distance and time — from the colonial town of Lexington to the wilderness of Vietnam, from the Spring of 1775 to the Spring of 1974. Some came of families long established in America; many others were new to the land and its promise. They differed in color, in religion, profession, in political faith and in other ways which historically have divided the human family.

Yet, all had this in common — they loved their Country and they died to make men free!

Compare this with the selfish motives of many people of today; pressure groups that refuse to salute the Flag of our Land — or Pledge Allegiance to it; in fact even refuse to serve in the Armed Forces of our Country to defend our hard earned Liberties!

Just look at the complacency of many of our Citizens today — that don't bother to get out and vote — or pay attention to what our duly elected Senators and Representatives are doing in Congress to give away our Freedoms almost every day!

We believe that Memorial Day should be a day to honor the dead, and speak proudly of our National Traditions — a day of rest and a day of peace.

It should be considered as a quiet day of sober reflection, instead of a noisy celebration. It could be spent early in the morning by decorating the graves of our War Veterans as well as the deceased of our own families. Later on, we could join the local American Legion or Veterans Program and pay homage to the departed Veterans of all Wars.

Much time, thought, planning and co-operation is put into local Memorial Services by the different participating units. The American Legion and Auxiliary, the Woman's Relief Corps, the Central Schools, the Churches and Clergy, Boy Scouts, Fraternal Organizations, and all others who join in the parade and take part in the services.

The success of this, or any other program, can only be measured by the number of members of the community that share in the ceremonies — and by the feeling and meaning that they put into it. The Parade for all Veterans and local Citizens that are still proud of their Uniforms, Comrades, Flag and County. Won't you join in too?

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## News From Albany

by Assemblyman James L. Emery

Many years ago the State Legislature in its wisdom, established a plan whereby the State would provide aid to towns so that they might maintain their road system. When this was first established it was called the Erwin Road Plan. Later, when the expiration date for that plan ran out in the late 1960's, a similar plan was adopted under the sponsorship of Senator James Donovan, an upstate Republican Senator, and has been in effect ever since. I have been privileged to be the Assembly sponsor of the so-named town highway improvement program in the Assembly each year.

This year in connection with that program we have passed legislation which is significant since it provides for State aid to town highway programs to be increased to a minimum of 40% from the present 25% increase depending upon the aid formula.

Under this legislation the increased aid would go into effect as of April 1, 1975. A similar bill was passed by the Legislature last year but was vetoed by former Governor Rockefeller for technical reasons. It is expected that Governor Wilson will sign the present measure.

While costs of highway construction including materials and labor have increased drastically in the past several years, the town's percentage rate of State aid for this program has been decreasing. The increase which is being provided will permit more towns than ever before to participate in this program. Presently 436 of the 665 towns in the State which qualify receive less than 40% in State aid.

It is significant that in addition to the amount allocated in the regular State Budget, passed in late March, there is an additional expenditure of \$1,385,000 in the Supplemental Budget for this program. Of this, some \$785,000 will go to local governments for projects they completed in 1973, and the remaining \$600,000 will be used for projects in 1974 and 1975.

In the final weeks of the session several bills which are very beneficial to many of our residents passed the Legislature but did not receive prominence in the glare of headlines on other state wide matters. One of these of particular importance provides for free higher education for dependents of policemen, uniformed and volunteer firemen, correction officers and other employees at correctional institutions killed in the line of duty.

Under its provisions, eligible dependents will receive scholarships in an amount necessary to cover the expenses of tuition, board and reasonable incidental expenses at any college or university within the State University system or at any State approved public school providing vocational or educational guidance services.

One aspect of the bill of importance to residents of this area is a mandate for \$25,000 in death benefits for policemen firemen or correction officers killed in the line of duty, with these benefits retroactive to September 1, 1971, so that families of officers killed during the prison riots at Attica will be entitled to this death benefit.

Another bill could have a good deal of effect on youth facilities and activities in our various communities. It would change the funding formula for youth development and delinquency programs to \$19.5 million, an increase of \$8.5 million over the present level. It is hoped that this increase will provide adequate levels of money for recreational activities, individual counseling services and youth employment programs.

The State aid formula under this bill will be increased for the first time in eight years from 75c per year per youth to \$4.50 per capita of every youngster under 21 within each county which provides youth development programs.

The annual production of butter in 1973 was 922.4 million pounds, the lowest since records began in 1919.

## ALBANY

open line

by Alex Rankin

The 1974 session of the state legislature has finally staggered to an end — for awhile at least.

The final session lasted more than 21 hours. It will begin again at the end of the month when the lawmakers will come back to Albany for a special session to deal with reapportionment.

As usual, the groggy legislators passed a flock of special interest bills at the last second that in months past had failed to see the light of day.

For example during those last hours the Legislature approved the spending of \$500 million — with the promise of another \$200 million to come — for the purchase by taxpayers of two Consolidated Edison power plants.

Republicans control both houses of the Legislature and on Republican votes alone there had never been enough votes to pass that kind of a giveaway to a private corporation.

Because the bill was tied into an attempt to bail New York City — again — out of its fiscal woes, it was important enough to line up

Democratic votes for passage. And so at the last minute a flock of Democratic bills suddenly were called up, and passed, and when the time came the Con Ed bill passed with Democratic votes.

The bill was passed despite the fact that there is apparently no way to accurately check the power company's books to see if mismanagement and waste was the reason the state may be buying two new power plants. They will be purchased through the sale of bonds by the State Power Authority and then the state will pour another \$200 million into them to get them in operating condition.

Also passing at the last minute was legislation stiffening the present abortion law, requiring that a second doctor be present to make sure fetuses born alive are not allowed to die and limiting abortions after 12 weeks to those performed in a hospital.

And now that the session is over the legislators must go on the road and prove to the voters — who will be judging them in November when they are up for re-election, that they did the right thing.

tendance at the County Legion Banquet and Meeting.

May 9, 1924

Flody Slocum was elected Trustee; Leo Davis Clerk and L. E. Davis, Collector at the Davis Hill School Meeting, Tuesday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Montgomery of Hornell, spent the week-end with her sister, Mrs. Arling Briggs and family of Davis Hill.

The box social held at the home of Earl Jackson Friday evening for the benefit of the school, was well attended.

A large crowd gathered at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Updyke on Friday night to help Mrs. Anna Wallace celebrate her birthday. Refreshments were served and all enjoyed a fine evening.

Miss Mary M. Fisher and James M. Gavin were united in marriage Wednesday at the Blessed Sacrament Church.

Edward Preston of Chicago, Ill. is a guest this week of his sister, Mrs. Alfretha Crandall.

Miss Doris Yager passed the week-end in Wellsville with her aunt, Mrs. Neva Sherwood.

Robert Brundage is in New York City this week in attendance at the sessions of the Grand Lodge F. & A. M.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Horton of Buffalo, are visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. David Slocum for a few days.

Thomas Swan returned the last of the week from a six months trip to California and other points of interest enroute.

Mrs. A. B. Payne of Perry, visited at the home of Mr. and Mrs. D. M. Green from Saturday until Sunday.

Mrs. H. E. Bagley and two children of New York City are visiting at the home of her parents Mr. and Mrs. William McDonough.

Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Watson of Friendship were guests of his daughter Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Robinson from Saturday until Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. M. A. Green of Burdette were guests of his sister and family, Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Williams a few days last week.

Mrs. Norman Rogers returned from Buffalo, Wednesday, accompanied by her sister, Mrs. R. H. Gifford who will visit her for a few weeks.

## 40 YEARS AGO

April 27, 1884

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Mrs. Albert Kaufman, 58, died at her home near Andover Wednesday, April 25th. Her husband, a daughter, a son and two sisters survive. Funeral services were held Friday with the Rev. W. C.

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## 50 YEARS AGO

May 9, 1924

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Governor Smith signed the Motor Vehicle Bill at 11:30 Friday, May 2nd which states that all automobile and motorcycle drivers must obtain a license.

William Will, 83, died at his farm home near Elm Valley, Sunday, April 27th. His wife, two sons and four daughters survive. Funeral services were held Wednesday with the Rev. George Buch officiating. Burial was in Hillside Cemetery Andover.

Sarah C. McCauley, 85, died at the home of her daughter, Mrs. J. M. Diffin of Andover, Friday, April 25th. Burial was in Solo.

C. E. Brown has rented the store recently occupied by the Post Office, next door to his furniture store and will move from the Trainor building, now occupied by him, across the street.

Mrs. Robert Dean of South Hill, spent the week with her mother, Mrs. Eliza Doran of Andover.

Mrs. Ethel Clarke and son, Jesse and daughter, Marion, visited Ray Davis and family, Friday and Saturday.

Mrs. Gertrude Potter spent from Thursday until Sunday with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Wallace of West Union.

Mrs. Charles Clark of Hartsville Hill, was a week-end guest of Mr. and Mrs. Wallace Boyd.

Miss Geraldine Wells of Dansville was a week-end guest of Miss Mary McPetridge.

Mrs. F. S. Potter was in Rochester, Sunday and Monday to visit her daughter Mrs. F. S. Sudsborough.

A. L. Rogers returned Sunday from a ten-days visit at the home of his sister and family, Mr. and Mrs. O. G. Whitcomb of Belmont.

Mrs. Mae Van Zandt of Syracuse who has been passing some time with her niece and family, Mr. and Mrs. John Dolan, returned home Wednesday.

Mrs. Michael Dougherty left Sunday for New York City, where she will spend a few weeks visiting her brother, P. L. Lynch and family and her numerous friends in the city.

Ralph E. Temple, Fay Boyd, Archie Bloss, Porter Richardson, Clark Widger, W. S. Calhoun, John Dolan and Claire C. Backus were in Belfast Tuesday night in at-