

MEMORIAL DAY — 1796

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 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 31, 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 battle 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 1976. 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 County 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 other 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 Country. Won't you join in too?

"Inside The State Capital"

By James L. Emery

We are undergoing a present phase in New York State today whereby each passing day seems to bring with it a new tax increase proposed by Governor Carey and his Administration. I am pleased that I am co-sponsoring, along with every Republican in the Assembly, a major tax relief legislative package totaling \$300 million that is directly aimed at halting the loss of business and industry in the state and the jobs that follow in the wake, and lessening the exceptionally high rates of personal income taxation.

The budget passed by the Legislature this year was a balanced one based on Governor Carey's revenue growth estimate of 7.4 to 7.6 per cent. Using this estimate as a base, the tax relief legislation proposed would channel all state revenue collected by the state above the level of 8.1 per cent into a series of tax reductions and tax credits to the individual taxpayer and the business community.

When state revenues reach the 8.1 per cent figure, for example, a \$45 million business tax credit and farm exemption from the Unincorporated Business Tax would be triggered, taking some of the punch out of the tax package Governor Carey proposed to push through the Legislature last month. The tax relief proposal I am sponsoring is attempting to encourage businesses to remain and expand in New York State, rather than punish them by ever-increasing taxes.

The Governor has faulted our efforts in this regard ever since he became aware of the proposal. He claims there will not be any excess revenues in the state coffers during this fiscal year. I have received the revenue growth figures from the State Comptroller's office and they plainly show that the income collected by the state so far this year has surpassed the Governor's estimate by a wide margin, and have exceeded the revenue collected by the state over the same period last year.

For the month of April, 1976 there has been a 13.4 per cent increase in state revenue growth over April 1975, which is almost double the estimate presented by the Governor as fact. It is interesting to note that these revenue growth figures are supposed to be offered as public knowledge by State Tax Commissioner Tulley but he has seen fit — in his wisdom — to withhold this vital information from the public.

The tax relief legislation being proposed is equally important when viewed in light of the fact that built into the budget passed earlier this year is a \$250 million deficit payment. Under the present growth structure in state revenues, by Jan. 1, 1977 the State of New York will have approximately \$1 billion in excess revenue stored away.

This stockpiling of revenues is a very unhealthy practice for the state when the money can be given back to the taxpayers in the form of tax relief and used to bolster the economy of the state. The taxpayer should be allowed to spend his own money for his own personal needs rather than having it kept from him to beef up the state treasury.

The time has come to end the flagrant abuse of the public trust by officials of the Carey Administration whereby necessary fiscal information pertaining to the revenue growth of the state is being withheld from scrutiny and examination. The economic woes of the state and the long unemployment lines generated by a severe loss of business and industry will not be rectified unless meaningful tax relief legislation is enacted.

I believe the proposal of which I am a co-sponsor will, indeed spur business growth and create jobs, and it will ease the excessive burden placed upon the taxpayers of the state.

State Commerce Commissioner John Dyson has instituted a new toll free phone number which is available to anyone in the state who feels they are suffering economic problems of one form or another and who wants to bring this problem to the attention of those in command. I believe that every citizen in this state is suffering



50 YEARS AGO

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Memorial Day will be observed in Andover, Tuesday, May 21 as May 30 falls on Sunday. John Doan, Commander, announces the program for 1:30 p. m., at the Hillside Cemetery with the GAR ritual service. At 2:30 the following program will be held at the Auditorium: Selections by the IOOF Band; Prayer by the Rev. F. H. Hassold; Song Selection by a quartette consisting of Minnie Blair, Mrs. J. C. Lever, Mrs. A. R. Baber, and Mrs. William Bines; Luncheon Gettysburg Address by Louise Folsing; Song Selection by a male quartette, Rev. A. W. Macdonald, James P. Cannon, H. G. Stoenor, and C. A. McManis; Reading of Roll of Honor by the Edward Seaman Post GAR No. 48; Song Selection, double quartette with both male and female; and the address by the Rev. Clyde Ehert of Andover. A committee from the Andover Automobile Club including: President Leroy Jordan, E. J. Atwood, F. S. Clarke, J. C. Lever, and J. Harvey Backus, had an interview Monday with the new division engineer, O. J. Denester of Hennell, regarding the proposed road to be built between Andover and Jasper. It is expected to be built in 1927, saving 18 miles to the East.

Darr Wahl, 22-month old son of Mr. and Mrs. Leon Wahl, died May 18 after 10 months duration with ulcer of the stomach. Besides his parents he is survived by two brothers, William and Gerald; his grandfather, William Wahl and great-grandmother Mrs. Darr Stratton. Burial was in Hillside Cemetery.

William Hess died at the Jones Memorial Hospital, Wellsville, May 15 at the age of 66. He is survived by his wife, Louise; three sisters, Mrs. John Graham, Mrs. Fred Miller and Mrs. Charles Miller. Burial was in Hillside Cemetery, Andover.

Miss Dorothy Clark and Robert Whitford were married May 15.

A. R. Baker, Secretary of the local Automobile Club, is in receipt this week of a road map issued by the State Automobile Association, covering the roads throughout the entire state. This map shows all construction work, oiling and detours now in progress in the state and will be authentic until June 1st.

The marriage of Marion Murphy of Depew, N. Y., to Harold L. Kemp of Clarence, N. Y., formerly of Andover, and Miss Irene B. Burd to Victor Wilson, both of Lancaster, took place May 6.

At the regular meeting of the Literary Society held May 14, an Arbor Day Program was presented by the following people: Rose Greene, Edna Barrett, Grace Burdick, Priscilla Macdonald, Fern Greene, Virginia Millsbaugh, Edward Cannon, Carl Greene, Etsa Greene, Gertrude Joyce, Claire Greene, Marjory Williams, Georgia Binek, Irma Williams, Naomi Strickler. The Senior Class held a meeting Tuesday for the purpose of selecting invitations for Commencement.

Grover Cleveland Godey died May 16. He was born in Wellsville, January 19, 1882, the son of Eli and Lucinda Vaughn Godey. He is survived by three sisters.

economic problems and should avail themselves of this number to voice their complaints.

The upstate residents are tired of paying the high tuition for New York City University students and they are fed up with the idea of having to subsidize free rents for strikers in New York City who refuse to pay for their own housing. I urge all residents to call the toll free number, 1-800-342-3883 and make their feelings known.

ASSEMBLYMAN EMERY'S SCHEDULE FOR THE WEEK OF May 21st

Sunday, May 23rd — Reception Festival in honor of the Senior Citizens in Allegany County sponsored by the Office for the Aging — Bolivar Firemen's Club, Salt Rising Road.

Mrs. Delos Marsh and Mrs. Marion Marsh of Wellsville and Mrs. George Baldwin of Dunkirk. Burial was in Woodlawn Cemetery, Wellsville.

Miss Eleanor Fish who has been Physical Director in Andover High School for a few years, has accepted a similar position at Bristol, Conn., for the coming year.

The Clean-Up Campaign in Andover last week was very successful and many loads of junk were given a free ride to the "dump".

The Sugar Bowl has blossomed out this Spring with some very attractive and tasty window signs — Lawrence Cocoman is the artist.

Miss Mary Smith will close her school in Elm Valley for the season today with a picnic on the school grounds.

Miss Dotis Baker of Andover has been hired to teach the Independence School this coming year. Mr. and Mrs. A. R. Baker and Miss Ella Adkins Baker, returned to Elmhurst Thursday and were in attendance at the May Day exercises of Elmira College held at Watkins Glen, Saturday. Miss Sara Buttlinger was in the program.

Misses Alice Rogers and Fanny Perry were weekend guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Robb of North Hinckham.

The following Andover ladies were guests of Mrs. Harold Fowler at a benefit card party and tea held under the auspices of the Women's Board of St. James Mercy Hospital of Hornell, at the home of Dr. and Mrs. Raymond Kelly, Saturday: Mrs. E. J. Atwood, Mrs. A. D. Fuller, Mrs. W. F. O'Connell, Mrs. R. E. Debn, Mrs. Robert Brundage, Mrs. Harold Dawson, Mrs. J. P. Cannon, Mrs. Louise Johnson, Mrs. Leo Snyder, Mrs. R. O. Snyder, Mrs. Ray McGill, Mrs. M. T. Garvin and Mrs. Thomas Regan.

Much of the business in Andover has been severely handicapped this week because of a necessary shutdown of our usually fine electric service. Mr. Keffinger from Bruce McBeth Company of Cleveland, Ohio, has been overhauling the gas engine at the Silk Mill, which supplies Andover with electricity. "The News" has been compelled to work nights instead of days to issue our paper this week.

40 YEARS AGO

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The Octagon Baseball League composed of nine Allegany County Teams held their final meeting for arrangements, Friday evening of last week. The players' lists were scrutinized and approved and the schedule of games adopted. The schedule and players lists follow: The 1936 Spaulding No. 1 Ball was adopted for use in all league games this season: Andover: Ray McGill, Mgr.; Players: Robert Joyce, Harold Lehman, Austin Emery, Darwis Lehman, Robert Scott, Leo DeBemer, Raymond Briggs, Leo Fulkerson, Lloyd Sly, Edwin Kemp, Seth Geary, Donald Lench, Howard McAndrew, Bruce McGill, Edwin Alderson, Rollin Scott, Earl Howland, Charles Ruser, William McGee and A. L. Bloss.

The Andover Village Board has designated Monday and Tuesday, May 18 and 19 as Clean-Up Days in Andover.

County Commander Fay E. Boyd has announced that the plans are practically completed for the Testimonial Dinner-Dance to be given by the Allegany County American Legion and Auxiliary in honor of the State Legion Commander Edward M. Schaeferling and State Auxiliary President Mrs. William Corwith, next Friday evening, May 23 in Andover. It will begin with a reception at 6 o'clock at the Legion Hall, The American Legion Band will furnish and escort the party to the Masonic Temple, where the band will play a 30 minute concert, before the dinner at 7:00. Following the dinner a business meeting will be held. Then they will go to the Regency Hall for dancing. Music will be furnished by Williams, Oliver & Price Orchestra.

Mrs. A. A. Porter entertained on May 1, the Kanawha Valley Chapter of the National Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution, of which she is a member. It was the annual meeting of the chapter. Two were present from the Catherine Schuyler Chapter, Mrs. Arthur Wells of Wellsville, State Custodian; and Mrs. Crayton Earley of Andover. The

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