

VETERANS DAY — 1977

An Editorial

Veterans Day, 1977 was an occasion to salute all the men and women from 1775 to the present whose services in uniform have been so vital to our country's growth and more than once — its very survival.

The dedication of this day to all veterans properly focused the Nation's attention — despite the fact that it had been observed on the calendar in certain areas the previous week.

The bare, stark truth, is, that in the final analysis, it is not solely massive armies, navies, and air forces or industrial might that wins wars. Rather, victories are won by men — lonely individuals whose skills, courage, valor, determination, and sacrifices, establish the measure of our Nation's strength.

While we can't recall it, there probably wasn't a moment of national relief like that experienced by America on the eleventh hour — of the eleventh day — of the eleventh month in 1918 — the World War I Armistice Day, which since World War II has been changed to Veterans Day, and is observed as a National Holiday.

After World War I, this sacred moment was observed throughout our schools, public offices and across our nation — by moments of silence.

It had been the "war to end all wars" — at least to Veterans and Americans. Great sacrifices had been made — Sons, Husbands, and Lovers didn't return — leaving gaping holes in many families. But, Perpetual Peace had been at last achieved! — Yet this lasted just a little over 20 years.

This past Friday, November 11th, we honored the men who died in another great World Conflict, World War II, in addition to those who paid the supreme sacrifice in Korea, Vietnam — and other so-called Police Actions along the Communist Frontiers.

The presence of our American Soldiers at these jumping off places of Civilization are a living reminder that despite all the talk of peace — a strong American force is an absolute necessity to preserve our American ideals and Ways of Life: Liberty, and the Pursuit of Happiness.

This past Veterans Day, following our Bicentennial Year, should have reminded us that as a nation we have been subjected to periods of trial, peril, and despair — and we have endured! And yet, we now have some leaders that are trying desperately to give away some of the things that we purchased fairly, earned and fought for so valiantly — despite huge obstacles, pestilence, climate and disease, which are so vital to our very survival and defense. And, of course, the biggest item on this list is: The Panama Canal.

We purchased the rights to this narrow strip of land fair and square. We carved out a "big ditch" that saved ships of all nationalities millions of miles of needless travel; saved millions of tons of potential energy in the line of fuels; and has been vital in the defense of our Nation by having the ability to unite or consolidate units of our Atlantic or Pacific Fleets — whenever the need arose, without having to travel thousands of miles around South America. Now they want to give it away to a small country that certainly wouldn't be able to protect it in case of war.

"Teddy" Roosevelt is quoted as having once said: "Speak Softly — But Carry a Big Stick". This bit of blunt advice has been ignored many times since its utterance by we "Easy Going Americans" — and has undoubtedly cost us billions of dollars as well as the lives of many good citizens and soldiers.

We, as Good Americans, should do our utmost to see that "Our Big Stick" is in constant readiness so that the lives of all those brave men who died to preserve our freedom, will not have been, in vain!

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50 YEARS AGO

April 23, 1927

J. H. Backus, Publisher

Mrs. Marcella Eaton, widow of the late Dr. E. V. Eaton of Ulysses Pa., died at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Nellie Jones. She also is survived by another daughter, Mrs. Carrie Gamble of Alfred. Mrs. Eaton is well known to many Andover people.

Flora B. Deming was born April 28, 1858 at Andover, N. Y., the daughter of Nelson P. and Mary J. Wood. On December 5, 1880 she married Emery Z. Cook who died. On December 31, 1909 she married John W. Deming. They went to Hornell to spend the winter with her brother, Mr. and Mrs. John Wood, where she died April 15, 1927. She is survived by her husband; one son, Leon Cook of Raleigh, N. C.; two grandchildren and one brother, John Wood. Burial was in Hillside Cemetery Andover.

The Presbyterian Church held their Annual Meeting, Monday evening in the Church Parlor. Reports were given from the Treasurer, Ladies Missionary Society, Kings Daughters, Sunday School, Board of Session and Trustees. The following were elected: Mrs. A. R. Baker, Church Treasurer; J. W. Hartum and Henry Baker, Elders for three years and John Will Trustee for three years. It was voted to install a new modern heating system to warm the auditorium of the church. The Trustees were authorized to raise the funds and install the furnace.

Roswell Cook, 81, who conducted a laundry in Andover for several years, now a resident of Hornell, was struck by a car and killed April 13. Besides his wife, two sons and two daughters survive.

The body of Alfred Dodge of Hartsville was brought to Andover for burial in Hillside Cemetery, Wednesday. He was a brother of William Dodge of Railroad Valley. He died April 17 at the age of 65.

Word has been received by relatives of the death of Capt. J. N. St. John at his home in Walton, N. Y. April 16. Mr. and Mrs. St. John made their home in Columbus, S. C. for many years but returned to Walton for the summer. Besides his widow, he is survived by three sons, Earl of Walton, Dr. Frank of San Diego, California, and Howard of Kings ton. Mrs. St. John is a niece of the late John and Frank Bassett former residents of Andover.

Dr. John Common is installing electric lights in their home on Church Street this week. Max Richardson is doing the electrical work.

Miss Marjorie Plaisted of Greenwood and Orville Matthews of Hornell were married April 9.

Charles Clarke of Independence is driving a new Chevrolet coupe.

Dewitt Amey, 80, of Rome, Pa. will be buried in Greenwood Thursday beside his wife who was the former Ambrosia Chapman Amey. He leaves two children, L. C. of Kane Pa., and Ellen of Brooklyn and one sister Mrs. Kline of Hartsville.

Maynard Allen of Buffalo and Olive Amedon of Hornell were married in Greenwood, Sunday.

Levi McMinden of Canisteo, is spending a few days with his aunt Mrs. John Osmin in Greenwood.

William McDonough, Jr., of Belmont, was a guest of his parents Comrade and Mrs. Wm. McDonough Sr. Friday to help his father celebrate his 88th birthday. Mr. McDonough received many cards and flowers from his friends and relatives.

Weekend Specials at Fisher Brothers are: Creamery Butter 55c lb., 3 cans Campbell Beans 25c, Light Tuna can 19c, Large Sack Pillsbury Flour \$2.40, 1/2 sack of Pillsbury Flour \$1.23. Also — 10 lbs Sugar, 1 lb. 45c coffee and 1/2 lb. 60c Tea, all for \$1.25; Vanilla per bottle 5c, No. 6 Broom 49c, California Sunkist Oranges 33c dozen and 1 lb. coconut 25c.

The Carey Maple Sugar Company will buy Maple Syrup that is brought to their car at Andover April 27. A. O. Kemp and G. W. Forsythe.

40 YEARS AGO

April 16, 1937

Claire C. Backus, Publisher

Frank Slocum died at his home on Barney Street, April 13. He was born in Jasper, September 12, 1868 a son of James L. and Mary Ann Wood Slocum. On February 27, 1895 he married Ella Erskine who survives with the following children: Charles of Mills, Pa., Mrs. Maude Reisman of Andover, Mrs. Minnie Ostrander of Hammondport, Mrs. Frances Ray of Andover and William at home. Two half-brothers, George Stephens & Mrs. Eliza Fortner and 18 grandchildren. Burial was in Hillside Cemetery.

Mr. and Mrs. Avery Mead welcomed a son at the Jones Memorial Hospital in Wellsville, April 9. He was named Avery Raymond.

Miss Ivar Lee Rogers of Andover and William Kyle of Belmont were married by Rev. R. E. Dronsfield at the Presbyterian Manse April 10.

The T. Joseph Lynch Block, corner of Main and Center Streets is undergoing extensive repairs this week. Monday workmen put in a new plate glass front and now are busy remodeling and redecorating the interior. The Childs Bakery and Restaurant will occupy the building when finished, where they will be able to enlarge upon their present fine Bakery and Restaurant business.

Miss Emma Folsing and Raymond Snyder will be installed as Elders of the Presbyterian Church Sunday, April 18.

April 16, the Evening Division of the Kings Daughters will meet at the home of Mrs. Harriett Schwarzenbach.

The Young Boys Club of the Presbyterian Church Sunday will meet at the home of Victor Oakes for their monthly meeting and party, April 16.

Miss Eva Shepard is entertaining the WWG Girls this Friday for their regular meeting at the Baptist Parsonage.

Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Reisman and family have moved from Elm Valley to the Hardy Farm on the Andover-Alfred Road.

The Three Link Club will meet at the home of Mrs. Georgia Ruge this Friday afternoon, April 16. All Rebekahs are invited to come.

Fay E. Boyd led the Wellsville Bowlers in the All-Event Averages at the ABC Bowling Congress held in New York City last week. Fay rolled 1,767 pins in 9 games with an average of 196 points.

Mrs. Carl Childs entertained the L. L. Bridge Club with a supper at the M. E. Church, followed by cards at the home of Mrs. Wm. Childs, Tuesday evening. High scorers were Mrs. Bernice Noble and Mrs. Florence Bloss.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Brown and family have moved from Hill Street to the Mrs. Sara Hunt house on Water Street. Mr. and Mrs. Ira Conner have purchased the house owned by Mr. Brown and moved there this week from the Martha Bloss house on Water Street.

Rev. F. A. Hassold, former Pastor of the Andover Presbyterian Church, died at his home in St. Petersburg, Florida, April 5, following an attack of acute indigestion.

"Pete" Howland and his Road Gang began taking down snow fences this week, so we are sure Spring is here!

Friday, April 16, will be Senior Day. The Assembly will be in charge of Alan Tuttle. The guest speaker will be Mr. Ludwig Dale. Others in the program will be Kenneth Vars, Jean Millsbaugh, Girls Glee Club and the announcement of the Valedictorian and Salutatorian by Principal Bretsch.

Over 200 attended the Dental Benefit Party at the School Auditorium. Over \$50 was cleared for the project.

Mr. and Mrs. Dan Mullen of Slate Creek are parents of a daughter, Jane Irene, March 31 at their home.

Mrs. Denzel Baker and Mrs. Wh. Hammell are guests of Mrs. Hammell's daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Brunner in Washington D. C. this week.

Fay E. Boyd and Miss Helen Folsing, in company with Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Parson of Angelica attended the Dinner-Dance given in honor of the National Auxiliary President Mrs. Oscar W. Hahn at the Powers Hotel in Rochester, Wednesday evening.

April 23, 1937

Mrs. Margaret Dean, who has spent the winter with her daughter,

"Inside The State Capital"

By James L. Emery

Rising public utility rates and the tenuous nature of energy supplies are matters of concern which have increasingly gained the attention of more and more New Yorkers. The natural gas shortages of last winter and the New York City blackout this past summer were dramatic evidence of our growing energy shortages, while the 24 per cent increase in utility rates in the past two and one-half years clearly document the added cost to consumers.

I have identified three major points of concern upon which the people of New York State should focus their consumer attention:

— It is the Public Service Commission (PSC) which has the primary responsibility for keeping costs down while assuring consumers an adequate supply. But the effectiveness of the PSC to carry out its obligations have been hampered by Governor Carey's delay in appointing a qualified individual to become Chairman of the PSC. The former chairman, who took a post with the Carter Administration and for several months has vacated position, has not been replaced. The impact of leadership has shown itself in the directionless, plodding operation of the PSC.

— Questions are being raised as to whether the PSC can adequately represent consumers and at the same time work closely with public utilities in a regulatory capacity. To further the cause of consumers, the Republican Administration of 1974 authorized the State Consumer Protection Board (CPB) to participate as a consumer's advocate in Public Service Commission Utility rate proceedings. The Consumer Protection Board also was authorized to initiate complaints relating to electricity and other public utilities on the consumer's behalf.

Unfortunately, in the last three state budgets the CPB's Utility Rate Intervenor Unit has been consistently underfunded. In fact, in the 1975-76 Executive Budget proposal was completely omitted by the Governor. I am pleased the Legislature was able to restore the unit's funding in the Supplemental Budget.

— Besides all the short-comings of the state's operations to look after the consumer's interests in utility rate proceedings and energy supplies, the greatest threat we now face comes from the federal energy legislation being considered in Washington. Among the Carter energy proposals is a provision to force utility rate averaging upon the people of New York State. What this means is that our local utility bills would increase dramatically.

We often fail to realize that here in upstate New York, we pay some of the lowest electric rates in the state and the nation. This reason is because our state utility rates are determined by whether or not the area generates its own electrical energy. A comparison of the state's basic utility rates graphically contrasts the rate differences between energy users and generators.

The existing rates for 500 kilowatts of electricity — a reasonable estimate of the average monthly consumption for each home — are for various companies operating in the state: Central Hudson, \$27.48; Con Edison of New York City, \$51.19; Orange and Rockland, \$38.30; Rochester Gas and Electric, \$22.12; and Niagara Mohawk \$19.68.

We in Western New York enjoy the benefits of being an exporter of electrical energy. We pay lower prices and this in turn gives us a competitive advantage in attracting business and industry to our area. We must not lose this benefit, because it would mean a further erosion of job opportunities for our area. That is something we cannot afford and something which deserves the attention of everyone of us.

ter, writes the Editor of the many interesting incidents in the life of Ithaca and Cornell University. The Sixth Annual Mutt Day Parade, sponsored by the Ithaca Journal and the Rathscholds Firm, celebrating "Be Kind To Animal Week", took place Saturday afternoon under sunny skies with 500

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