

AMERICAN LEGION ANNIVERSARY

An Editorial

Forty-seven 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 47 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 47th 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.

"COME, GENTLE SPRING"

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March 20th will be a welcome date. For on that day, Spring will officially come again. The precise moment will be 8:53 P. M., Eastern Standard Time.

Spring, every Spring, is the season of new life. All of nature blossoms. The trees put out their bright leaves, the flowers bud and bloom. Everywhere there is the sound of birds, safe and warm in their nests. The beings which live in the woods and the waters flourish and produce their young. And Spring brings a lift to the heart of man, whatever his problems and troubles may be. It is an inspirer of hope; a renewer of faith and purpose.

It is, or should be, for all of us a time of beginnings. And one may pray that before this splendid season ends some new and meaningful rays of light will find their way into our troubled world.

Many years ago, the poet James Thomson wrote: "Come, gentle Spring! ethereal Mildness! come." It is a feeling that is universally shared.

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50 YEARS AGO

March 10, 1916

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Miss Mary Harrington and Herman J. Dean were united in marriage Tuesday, March 7th at the Immaculate Conception Church in Wellsville.

A neighborhood party was given last Sunday afternoon and evening at the home of Leon I. Bloss on Dyke St., in honor of his birthday.

Miss Nellie Horan of South Hill is spending a few days guest of her sister, Mrs. L. Snyder of East Valley.

The roads were drifted so badly and the weather so inclement that the teacher was unable to get to Elm Valley last Monday.

Ames Rogers went to Greenwood Wednesday to spend a few days with friends.

C. Cleveland was a week-end guest of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Sidney Cleveland of Allentown.

Miss Lulu Haugh returned to Andover Monday evening, prepared to open her millinery store for the Spring trends.

Miss Pearl Potter has returned from a two weeks stay in Cleveland and Buffalo, where she has been studying the latest millinery styles.

40 YEARS AGO

March 5, 1926

J. H. Backus & Son, Publishers

Mrs. Jefferson Brewster was pleasantly surprised Monday afternoon, when the ladies of the W. B. A. met at her home, the occasion being Mrs. Brewster's 73rd birthday.

Mrs. Mary Ellen Greene, 70, died at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Bessie Sweet, Sunday, Feb. 28th. Five daughters three sons, a sister and four brothers survive.

Bruce Maxon Robinson, nine months old son of Mr. and Mrs. R. Harland Robinson, died Sunday, February 28th. Interment was in the family plot at Valley Brook Cemetery.

Louis Joyce of Andover spent from Friday until Sunday with

Howard and Gordon Pease. Lloyd Cornelius is moving to the Fanton Farm in upper Elm Valley.

Lynn Trowbridge left Monday for Warwick, N. J., where he has accepted a position as loom fixer in a silk mill at that place.

Mrs. Agnes Langworthy went to Alfred Station Wednesday to assist in the care of the family of her son, Lynn Langworthy, who are ill.

Mrs. Isabel Dodge and Earl Dodge of Alfred Station spent the week-end with their sister, Mrs. Sarah Bardick.

30 YEARS AGO

March 4, 1936

J. H. Backus & Son, Publishers

Mrs. Katherine Langworthy, 62, died Tuesday, February 24th. A brother and a sister survive.

Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Harris are the parents of a daughter, born Tuesday, February 22nd.

Taken from the 1936 files: — The application for a Charter for a National Bank to take over the business of the late A. H. Burrows has been approved by the controllers of the Currency at Washington, D. C.

Mrs. Orris Parker visited her daughter and family, Mr. and Mrs. F. L. Scott at Cuba Monday and Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Borden and daughter, Lois of Rochester, passed the week-end with her parents, Atty. and Mrs. C. L. Earley.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Holmes spent Saturday and Sunday at the home of their daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Cartwright at the Hotel in Belfast.

Mr. and Mrs. A. D. Fuller left Friday for Elmira where they visited at the home of her sister, Mr.

Letters To The Editor

March 9, 1966

Dear "Red", I would like you to know that I appreciate receiving the Andover News every week. It also brings me the news of my own family and friends and home. Plus those who are serving our Country.

I also enjoy your new column, "From Our Files". It is looking forward to reading of the news of the past. Each week and driver 121 has the racing season. This year at least I can read about my horse.

Keep the good news. Sincerely yours, Margaret A. Baker

Largo, Florida March 7, 1966

Andover News, Red Pen:

Just a line to tell you we plan to leave here March 18th after the News. We have enjoyed the paper since we have been in the area. Hope we will be able to write home.

Will your folks come down this winter?

Mary has a new Mobile home in a trailer residence area, not a park, and Bob's sister, Mollie Beach has moved to it, so we are quite a family. Mary's is 50' x 12', so we have plenty of room.

Hope you all are feeling better. Sincerely, Grace Spicer

and Mrs. W. W. Longwell before going on to Miami, Fla., for a few days.

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