

A "SQUARE" SOUNDS OFF! An Editorial

What is the meaning of the word "Square"? Yes, it is a six letter word — not like the four — and five-letter words found in much of the modern literature of today. But what is its true meaning?

Back in Mark Twain's day, it was one of the finest words in our language! You gave a man a square deal if you were honest. And you gave him a square meal when he was hungry. You stood foursquare for the right, as you saw it, and square or solid against everything else — And that was when you could look your fellow man — square in the eye.

Then a lot of strange characters got hold of this honest, wholesome word — bent it all out of shape and gave it back to our children! Convicts gave it the first twist. To them a "square" was an inmate who would not conform to the convict code. From the prisons it was flashed across the country on the circuit of all of the petty lawbreakers and cheap crooks.

Now everyone knows what a "Square" is. He is the man who never learned to get away with it. — A Joe who volunteers when he doesn't have to. — A guy who gets his kicks from trying to do something better than anyone else can. — A boob who gets so lost in his work that he has to be reminded to go home! — A fellow who laughs with his belly instead of his upper lip. — Or a slob who still gets all choked up when the band plays "America the Beautiful." A square, and strictly from "Squaresville".

His tribe isn't thriving too well in the current climate. He doesn't fit too neatly into the current group of angle players, corner cutters, sharpshooters, and goof-offs. He doesn't want to buy now and pay later. He's burdened down with old-fashioned ideas of honesty, loyalty, courage, and thrift. — And he may already be on his way to extinction!

He and all the rest of us are living in a country today that is quite different from the one that we were taught to love. Parents have successfully defended in court their children's right to ignore the flag salute. Faculties and student bodies have found it distasteful to publicly take an oath of loyalty to their country. — And the U. S. Military Academy has found it necessary to place a sign beside its parade grounds at West Point reminding spectators that it is customary to remove their hats at the passing of the banner that was once unashamedly referred to as "Old Glory".

Our colleges are loaded today with youngsters who are hardly prepared for high school — kids who cannot do simple arithmetic and who cannot spell simple words. Why? Because the idea that the dull discipline of the three R's was disturbing to little John's ego.

Arnold Toynbee, the historian, says that of 21 notable civilizations, 19 perished — not from external conquest — but from the evaporation of belief within!

Today, our country still has a choice. Perhaps it has already begun to make that choice. Hopefully, it is going back to its old beliefs in such things as ideas, pride, patriotism, loyalty, devotion, — and even hard work.

John Glenn says he gets a funny feeling down inside when he sees the flag go by. Imagine that!

He's proud of his small town, proud of his small college. Proud that he belonged to the Boy Scouts and the YMCA.

With Memorial Day coming up — lets hope that some of him rubs off onto the next generation!

When Benjamin Franklin was told that the war for independence was over, he said, "Say rather the war of the revolution is over — the war for independence has yet to be fought."

And on this Memorial Day of 1966, the war for independence has still to be won — by our Soldiers over in Viet-Nam — and all around this troubled world!

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50 YEARS AGO

May 19, 1916
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 The worst cloud burst ever witnessed in this vicinity visited Western New York Monday and Tuesday doing great damage.

The farm home of S. E. Deming of West Union was badly damaged by fire last Thursday.

W. E. Chase has moved his family from Angelica to the A. C. Frisbey tenement house on South Main Street in Andover.

C. W. Williams purchased the John Hamel estate farm, Tuesday.

Fire Chief F. J. Kaufenbarth and the Village Trustees were in Arkport Monday to inspect their fire alarm system. The Board has been enthused for the need of an alarm since the fire last week which totally destroyed the Brown residence on the corner of Barney and Water Streets. Few of the firemen heard the alarm, and many residents knew nothing of it until the next morning.

Mr. and Mrs. John Deming left Friday for Worcester, N. Y., for a visit at the home of their son, Principal and Mrs. Leon Cook.

Mrs. Clara Crandall is in Wells-ville this week where she went to attend the wedding of her niece, Miss Grace Witter.

Mrs. Lottie Hann is in Alexandria Bay this week in attendance at the Annual Meeting of the Rebeccah State Assembly.

Miss Mary Smith returned to Painted Post Monday night to resume her school duties.

40 YEARS AGO

May 14, 1926
 J. H. Backus & Son, Publishers
 The Lynn Trowbridge residence on Baker Street has been sold thru the Calhoun Agency to Mrs. Louise Hess. The Hess family expect to move to their new home this fall from Pingrey Hill.

Dr. and Mrs. L. N. Boston and I. B. Crandall of Philadelphia, Pa., were week-end guests of Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Potter and family of Independence.

Miss Edith Gee of Andover was a week-end guest of her aunt, Mrs. M. Ghostly of Independence.

The Lane School District will close next Friday, May 21st with a picnic.

The Annual School Meeting of West Greenwood was held at the school house, District No. 7, Tuesday evening. The following officers were elected: Bert Loomis, Trustee; George Conley, Clerk; and Daniel Mullen, Collector.

Miss Bessie Slocum is spending the week-end guest of her sister, Mrs. Harold Horton of Buffalo.

F. L. Bloss has been passing the week guest at the home of his brother, Mr. and Mrs. Leon Bloss of Waverly.

Mrs. Ila Clarke visited her daughter, Mrs. Letts Thompson of Canisteo from Friday until Monday.

Miss Marion Rogers of Rochester passed the week-end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. P. Rogers.

Mr. and Mrs. George H. White-man of Davenport, Fla., are visiting at the home of her sister, Mr. and Mrs. Frink Williams and family of Railroad Valley.

30 YEARS AGO

May 15, 1936
 J. H. Backus & Son, Publishers
 Undertaker Earl Dawson is moving to the Boyd property, corner of Church Street and Pleasant Avenue, recently purchased from Miss Julia Lynch.

Word was received by Andover relatives of the death Tuesday of Peter F. Lynch of Hornell, following a brief illness.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Kemp and Miss Mildred Jordan of Andover spent Monday and Tuesday with Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Jordan of Cuba.

About twenty neighbors and friends spent Saturday evening with Mrs. Sophia Slocum. The occasion being her 80th birthday. The Misses Hilda Clarke, Maxine Crandall and Francis Clarke of Independence attended a party

Red's Racetrack Rambles

Well, with the weather finally taking a turn for the better we have some good news for all of you local racing fans.

Yes, the Woodhull track opened up this past Sunday and several other tracks that we usually cover will be opening up soon.

Sunday at Woodhull the weather was nice and sunny, and although the wind was a little cool, it was still fairly comfortable in shirt-sleeves.

The track has all been worked over and was in the best shape that we have ever seen it with the holes all filled in and graded off. It was still a little wet in the surrounding area from all of the rain so they weren't able to run their regular pit entrance which caused a little bottle-neck getting into the track. However, we were told that as soon as it dries up enough they are going to grade off the regular pit entrance so that will speed things up.

The races themselves were fairly exciting with plenty of cars in the Amateur Class but a little light in the Moderns as some of the boys didn't get their cars in running shape for the first race.

Paul Hidek, last year's champ, was back with a nice new-looking Chevy that seemed to run nice in the heat but developed troubles in the feature. They still didn't have the number painted on it and it will probably take another race or two to get it set up and running the way they want it to.

Floyd Green, No. 7, is back with a neat new-looking rambler that will really travel and handled nice so that he was able to pump home for a victory in both a heat and in the feature.

Basil Schutt, No. 13, is back with a different car but still doesn't have his new engine finished so was running last year's power plant.

Then too, there were several new faces in the line up with rumors of more new cars that are still coming.

In the Amateur Class, most of the boys are back again with different cars with Mike Clark having a new 7/11X which really handles nice and can still get-up-and-go. In fact he won both a heat and the feature with his Plymouth coupe that is powered with a Chrysler 6 Spitfire engine.

There were several thrills and chills in one of the Modern heats when not one — but two of the cars caught fire almost at the same time, and both of them were on the back-stretch. The drivers bailed out without getting hurt and the fires were put out without too much apparent damage to the engines.

In the spills department, Clayt Ashbaugh, No. 243, rolled over

for Charlotte Cook at Andover Saturday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Bassett of New York City, Mrs. Ada Belle Rogers of Cleveland, Ohio and Mr. and Mrs. T. R. Bassett of Andover accompanied the body of Mrs. Mary Bassett of Walton N. Y., to Independence for burial Tuesday.

Mrs. Earl Jackson and son, Leo and daughter of Port Jervis were guests of Mr. and Mrs. John Briggs and other friends in Andover from Friday until Monday.

Miss Rose Dawson was home from New York City passing the week-end with her mother, Mrs. Maude Dawson and other Andover relatives.

Mrs. John Diffin left Wednesday to spend several weeks at the home of her daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Edward Brandes of Hallsport.



Punta Gorda, Fla.
 R. 3, Box 1160
 May 18, 1966

Dear Mr. Red:

Just a note to say that we are starting North in the next day or so, so please hold the News till we let you know when we arrive at Bath, N. Y. We expect to be at least two weeks coming North, so maybe you will have warm weather by then.

The weather every day here and it is awful dry. About 90 - 92 each day. Nights 60 - 65. We plan to do some night - seeing on our way North, such as Stone Mountain in Georgia, Cape Hatteras in Virginia, and the North Carolina and Virginia Beach, the Hershey Park in Pennsylvania.

The Red's Dadicks

three or four times in the back-stretch but emerged from the car un-scathed. Outside of pushing the car down onto the roll bars, the car wasn't badly damaged and was able to be driven from the track — although the driver declared that he would had had enough for the day!

For a brief re-cap of the races: In the Amateur Class — Phil Pipe, No. 71, took the 1st heat; Butch Harris, No. 500, won the 2nd; and Mike Clark, No. 7/11X took the "Consoy" and came right back to win the Feature. Phil Pipe, No. 71, was 2nd; Chuck Wright, No. 66, 3rd; Butch Harris, No. 500, 4th; and Daryl Dennis, No. 822, 5th.

In the Moderns — Floyd Green, No. 7, took the 1st heat; Paul Hidek, No. 6 1/2, won the 2nd heat; and in the Feature, Floyd Green, No. 7, was 1st; No. 1M (driver unknown), 2nd; Bob Gee, No. 20, 3rd; Basil Schutt, No. 13, 4th; and Jim Walters, No. 3A, 5th.

According to word received today the Sportsman's Raceway in Mills, Pa., (near Ulysses,) is going to open up Saturday night, June 4th, running the same classes that they did last year.

The New Fire Department Assn. that ran the Bradford track last year, is planning on opening up their new track on Friday night, June 3rd. The boys over there are opening up their new "McKeen Speedway" at the East Smetport County Fairgrounds and boast a 1/4 mile track. We are told that they have a very nice seating arrangement with covered Grandstand and all — with parking space available in back of the stand.

We were also informed that they will be running 3 classes this year — Late Models, Sportsman, and what they call a "Hooligan Class", which we understand is like a claimer class.

Well, so long for now — and see you soon at the races?

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