

THE PRICE THEY PAID A Borrowed Editorial

Have you ever wondered what happened to those men who signed the Declaration of Independence?

Five signers were captured by the British as traitors, and tortured before they died. Twelve had their homes ransacked and burned. Two lost their sons in the Revolutionary Army, another had two sons captured. Nine of the 56 fought and died from wounds or the hardships of the Revolutionary War.

What kind of men were they? Twenty-four were lawyers and jurists. Eleven were merchants, nine were farmers and large plantation owners, men of means, well educated. But they signed the Declaration of Independence knowing full well that the penalty would be death if they were captured.

They signed and they pledged their lives, their fortunes, and their sacred honor.

Carter Braxton of Virginia, a wealthy planter and trader, saw his ships swept from the seas by the British navy. He sold his home and properties to pay his debts and died in rags.

Thomas McKean was so hounded by the British that he was forced to move his family almost constantly. He served in the Congress without pay, and his family was kept in hiding. His possessions were taken from him, and poverty was his reward.

Vandals or soldiers or both, looted the properties of Ellery, Clymer, Hall, Walton, Gwinnett, Heyward, Rutledge, and Middleton.

At the Battle of Yorktown, Thomas Nelson, Jr. noted that the British General Cornwallis, had taken over the Nelson home for his headquarters. The owner quietly urged General George Washington to open fire which was done. The home was destroyed, and Nelson died bankrupt.

Francis Lewis had his home and properties destroyed. The enemy jailed his wife, and she died within a few months.

John Hart was driven from his wife's bedside as she was dying. Their 13 children fled for their lives. His fields and his grist mill were laid waste. For more than a year he lived in forests and caves returning home after the war to find his wife dead, his children vanished. A few weeks later he died from exhaustion and a broken heart.

Norris and Livingston suffered similar fates.

Such were the stories and sacrifices of the American Revolution. These were not wild-eyed, rabble-raising ruffians. They were soft-spoken men of means and education. They had security, but they valued liberty more. Standing tall, straight, and unwavering, they pledged: "For the support of this declaration, with a firm reliance on the protection of the Divine Providence, we mutually pledge to each other, our lives, our fortunes, and our sacred honor."

The distractions which surround us must not obscure in our minds the means of preserving what our forefathers gained for us nearly 200 years ago. Those patriots lit a lamp that still burns brighter than any other and if we tend it well will continue to shed its warm and kindly light long after the cold flame of despotism has burned itself out.

**They gave us an independent America.
Can we keep it?**

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50 YEARS AGO

May 26, 1916

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The Annual School Field Day and Picnic of the rural schools of Independence and Willing were held today, May 26th at the Beach Hill pavilion.

B. E. Hann has sold his house and lot on Greenwood Street. The house to Mrs. E. B. Livermore and the lot to Edson Langworthy.

Mr. and Mrs. Harley Hawks of Independence are the parents of a son, born this week.

Mrs. John Harrington of Voorhees Hill spent Sunday and Monday with her daughter, Mrs. Herman Dean.

Ray Kenyon of Muncie, Indiana is visiting the Briggs Brothers of Independence.

Mr. and Mrs. W. I. Langworthy of Alfred are guests of their daughter, Mrs. M. A. Bassett of Independence for a few days.

Mrs. Byron Clair of Alfred Station was a week-end guest of her brother, Victor Chaffee of Independence.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred I. Parker of Franklin, Pa., are in town visiting his mother, Mrs. S. C. Parker. They arrived Saturday.

Among those who attended the Field Meet at Alfred Wednesday were: Misses Muriel Early, Frances Beebe, Agnes Taylor, Eloise Clark, Avis Mead, Hazel Warfield and Harold Robinson, Carl Clark, Mark Boyd and Max Richardson.

40 YEARS AGO

May 21, 1926

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Dorr, the twenty-two month old son of Mr. and Mrs. Leon Wahl died Tuesday, May 18th. Interment was in Hillside Cemetery.

William Hess, 65, died Saturday, May 15th. Interment was in Hillside Cemetery.

The marriage of Miss Dorothy Clark to Robert Whitford of Hartsville was performed Saturday, May 15th by Rev. Edgar A. VanHorn at Alfred Station.

Miss Marion A. Murphy of Depew and Harold L. Kemp were united in marriage May 6th.

Miss Doris Baker of Andover has been hired to teach the Independence School the coming year.

Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Livermore of Elm Valley have been spending a week in Franklin, Pa.

Miss Mary Smith closed her Elm Valley School for the season with a picnic on the school grounds.

Mrs. Martha Orvis returned home last week from a visit with relatives in Canaseraga and Arkport.

Mrs. Martha Bloss passed the week-end with her daughter, Mrs. Mark Wilson and family of Whitesville.

Mr. and Mrs. L. T. VanWie and family of Painted Post were Sunday guests of her mother, Mrs. Ida Hammond.

Mr. and Mrs. John Quigley of Canisteo passed a few days this week at the home of Anson Brewster.

D. K. Porter returned to Buffalo Tuesday after spending some time at the home of his daughter, Mrs. E. A. Richardson.

30 YEARS AGO

May 22, 1936

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DeForrest K. Loper, 26, of Elm Valley, died Tuesday, May 19th as a result of being kicked in the head by a horse.

Mrs. Margaret Dean, our South Hill Correspondent, is back on the job again, after spending the winter with her daughter, Miss Mae Dean R.N. of Ithaca.

Anna Louise Moulton of Cuba and C. Granger Chamberlain of Andover were united in marriage Saturday, May 9th.

Friends and neighbors gathered at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Church Saturday evening, May 16th to celebrate the occasion of their 25th wedding anniversary and the birthday of Mr. Church.

Mrs. Roscoe Tidd and infant daughter, Shirley Joanne, have returned home after spending some

William T. Smith State Senator Reports

I consider New York's Medical Assistance to needy persons to be the most socialistic piece of legislation that I have seen during my tenure in the Legislature. With the passage of this bill, we have opened up the potentially most expensive program ever to be enacted into Law. It now appears that well over one-third of the population of the State of New York will be able to take advantage of it. This is New York State's credit card medicare program with only the taxpayers getting the bill.

In addition, very liberal standards of mean have been set forth, for instance, a family of four with a net income of \$6000 after income taxes, will be eligible. Further, a family of eight, that is man and wife with six children can earn \$9400 and a chart has been released recently showing that medical assistance may be obtained for a family of 8 with two wage earners having an income as high as \$10,250. Investigations of ability to pay will be practically eliminated.

Applications may be made not only in person but by mail or telephone as well. There is no residency requirement and only spot checking will be done. People temporarily in the State of New York will be eligible. Citizenship is not required. There is no responsibility clause except from spouse to spouse and from parents to children under 21.

I was unable to secure any reliable projection of the costs that will be involved in this program. However, I could see the possibility of a price tag in the billions of dollars. In spite of the 50% federal participation, it will still increase the State's welfare costs and those at the local level. Realizing the increased costs to localities the bill authorizes city, county and town governments to issue budget notes for deficiency appropriations brought about by this program.

It was my feeling that this major social project was being rammed through without enough information being made available either to the legislators or to the localities, which are certainly involved.

The implications of this piece of legislation are so tremendous in scope and at variance with my thinking in social matters that I could not support the measure. This new social welfare step can well become the most expensive item in local government's budget inasmuch as 25% of the cost must be borne at the local level. I could not be a part in mandating such an expense on the local taxpayer by fiat of the State Legislature.

I had not received one letter or communication from any local Board of Supervisors or Welfare Department asking for this legislation.

The criteria for net income and all other eligibility standards were not set out in full by the bill. The State Board of Social Welfare has been given a free hand. As a Member of the Legislature, I continually oppose giving the Department such power.

I did not feel that the constituency which I represent needed nor desired this plunge into welfare statism.

Scratching may mar the looks of Teflon finish but it will not seriously affect the non-stick quality.

time at the home of Clarence Brutsmann and family.

Mrs. Jesse Hunt, in company with her brother and wife, Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Reimann of Angelica, are in Buffalo this week.

James Nobles started work in the Silk Mill at Shinglehouse, Pa., Monday.

Atty. and Mrs. C. L. Earley were guests of Mrs. Eda Sheppard at Alfred over the week-end.

Mrs. Wilmer Atwell and children of Whitesville visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Green over the week-end.

Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Burgett of Newark, N. J., and Mrs. H. C. Burgett of Perry were Thursday and Friday guests of Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Higby and Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Burgett.



National Seashore,
Cape Hatteras, N. C.
May 28, 66

Dear Mr. Red:

Here we are out on the Seashore camped for the week-end near Salvo.

We left our home in Florida May 19th and have been sightseeing on our way North.

We visited the Stephen Foster Memorial on the Swanee River at White Springs, Fla., also took the boat ride on the river.

Came on North on Interstate 75 to Cordele, Ga., and spent the week-end at the State Veterans Park just west of there. Monday went on North to Andersonville and visited the Stockade, where the prison was, also the National Cemetery there.

Went on North to Atlanta, then East about 16 mi. to Stone Mountain Memorial Park. A sculpture, Guyon Borglum started the carvings in 1923 and in 1924 he had Gen. Lee's carving well underway but left for lack of funds and went to Mt. Rushmore in South Dakota.

In 1928 Augustur Hikeman was chosen to complete the sculpture, and blasted off most of Gen. Lee's head and made smaller figures of Jefferson Davis, Gen. Robert Lee and Stonewall Jackson, which are not completed yet but should be done by 1967.

We traveled Northeast across Ga., South Carolina and North Carolina to this place.

There has been plenty of rain in this area for the past 10 days. Everything looks flooded, even the parks and camping areas.

We expect to remain here till Tuesday morning then head North for Suffolk, Va., Williamsburg and other points of interest.

Yours,
The 3 Burdicks

Frank Walkley Reports

Recent enactment of a "Medicaid" law has roused many people in up-state areas to write letters of protest.

I was one of the few who opposed this. The philosophical implications are a matter of serious concern. The monetary cost will most likely be tremendous. Estimates of cost have been offered, but only on a short term basis. No one seems to have the courage to look beyond the first year. New problems and objections are being raised daily. For instance, it has been determined that families without dependent children and between the ages of 21 and 65 would be covered by the state bill, but that no federal aid would be allowed. This "discovery" will add a considerable amount to the state and local share of the cost.

On the brighter side of the picture, I think that the law can be amended so that it will not be nearly so extensive. The public outcry will be heeded. I have offered an amendment (with several others) which would require applicants to pay their medical costs up to 10% of their net incomes, with certain exceptions so as to qualify for federal money. This should prevent a great deal of misuse of the program. A person would not go to a doctor at the first hint of a cold solely because it would be free. Paying the first part of his medical expenses would certainly make him be more cautious in this respect.

The responsibility for enactment will be laid at the door of others by many people. I believe that those who supported it — the Department of Social Welfare, The Legislators who voted for it, both Democrat and Republican — and the Governor, should consider amendments carefully in view of the public criticisms.

Let's recognize that a mistake was made. Let's take the steps necessary to set it right.

Berries and cherries should be washed and stemmed just before use since they spoil quickly and lose vitamin C if washed and stemmed before storage.