

THE MEANING OF FLAG DAY An Editorial

Every June 14th we celebrate Flag Day to commemorate the passing of a historic resolution. What and when was this made?

On June 14, 1777, Congress passed a resolution which read: "Resolved—that the Flag of the United States be thirteen stripes, alternate red and white; that the Union be thirteen stars, white on a blue field, representing a new constellation."

The first public announcement of June 14 as Flag Day was made in 1877, when Congress officially named the day as a national holiday to celebrate the 100th anniversary of this resolution.

Since that time, interest in Flag Day has risen and fallen along with public attitude towards National Patriotism in almost regular cycles.

Whenever a National crisis seemed imminent, orators and statesmen would beat on the drum, military men would rattle sabers and the sparks of Patriotism would be fanned into a new fire and new interest in the Flag of our Country.

Thus it was in 1915 when Woodrow Wilson made this statement upon the re-establishment of National Flag Day on June 14th: "Many circumstances have recently conspired to turn our thoughts to a critical examination of the conditions of our national life, of the influences which have seemed to threaten to divide us in interest and sympathy of forces within and forces without that seemed likely to draw us away from the happy traditions of united purposes and action of which we have been so proud." Two years later—under the same President we were embroiled in World War I.

Roughly 25 years after this statement was made, another President in a re-election campaign said: "I hate war, Eleanor hates war" etc., ending with a promise something like this—"Mothers I promise you—If I am re-elected—your sons will never set foot on foreign soil". Then of course this fireside chat was closed with a prayer. A short time later we were in World War II and many of us toured Europe and many other foreign countries on foot to the tune of burp gun and machine gun fire.

Today, although our Flag has grown from its original 13 stars to the present 50, the need for every home in America to fly the Flag on Flag Day grows with each passing year to keep alive our spirit of Patriotism.

Recently, on Memorial Day, our Community paid tribute to our war dead with all the dignity befitting the occasion.

However, if you drove around, how many flags did you see displayed or flying? What has happened to the fine old custom of "Showing the Flag"—not only in front of, or from the roofs of public and business buildings, but from the porches of private homes as well.

In "Yesteryears", on Holidays and festive occasions, red-white-and-blue bunting was used as a decoration—but how many of us have seen this in the past few years?

There was a sense of pride in our country behind all this. The flag was thought of as a symbol of many things—of a free people, of a world power, of a land of opportunity, whatever the faults and ills might be, of the rights and obligations of both the individual citizen as well as the politicians alike.

Old customs, fallen largely into disuse, can be revived and given new life and breath.

Selfishness, greed, apathy and complacency weakens the spirit of patriotism, which in turn, gives Communism a chance to stick its foot in our door.

Help fight this Red menace by displaying our Flag on every National Holiday and remind ourselves, friends and neighbors, that this Flag is the symbol of our American principles of Justice, Freedom and Democracy.

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50 YEARS AGO

June 2, 1916

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Gov. Whitman vetoed the bill calling for the American Flag to be displayed in all parades.

Mrs. Herman Dean was the guest of her people on Voorhees Hill a few days last week.

M. F. Ball of Tip Top was called to Naples Sunday by the death of his mother.

Mrs. C. A. Wilks of Cleveland Ohio, is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. B. S. Baker of Tip Top.

Mr. and Mrs. Bert Ordway of Greenwood Hill are the parents of a son, born Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Gayhart of Greenwood Hill are the parents of a son born Monday.

Miss Dora Reidnour of Cleveland, Ohio left for Clarksburg, W. Va., Saturday after passing two weeks with her sister, Mrs. H. Harman.

Lewis Dunning went to Millport, Pa., Monday where he will dress tools on oil wells.

Thad Hibbard left Saturday for Nicholson, Pa., where he goes to work in a Cutlery Plant.

Mrs. Betsey Clarke of Alfred Station was a Tuesday guest of her sister-in-law, Miss Alice Clarke.

Miss Mary Casey of Hornell spent Saturday and Sunday guest of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Casey.

Mrs. F. S. Potter was called to Painville, Monday by the illness of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Leroy Richmond.

40 YEARS AGO

May 28, 1926

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Mrs. Augusta Hinchey, died at the home of her daughter, Mrs. E. B. Freeland in Elmira, Monday, May 24th. Interment was in Valley Brook Cemetery, Andover.

Mrs. Emma J. Slade, 76, died at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Ruby Crandall of Elmira, Sunday, May 23rd. Burial was in Whitesville Cemetery.

The old-time fiddlers contest held under the auspices of the Thomas M. Lynch Post American Legion was a big success Tuesday evening. There were eight contestants in all. David Slocum took 1st prize; A. L. Jones, 2nd; and John Ryan, 3rd.

Mrs. Libbie Rogers, died Sunday, May 23rd in Hornell. Her husband, Will Rogers; two sons and two daughters survive.

Herman Boyd has moved his family to the new home on North Main Street, recently purchased of Charles Rogers.

Miss Ella McLoughen, Andover's Milliner, has purchased the residence of Dr. E. B. Wells, corner of Main and West Greenwood Sts.

George Fuller of Kalamazoo, Mich., has been a guest of his sister, Mrs. Linford Potter of Independence for a few days.

Mrs. Ila Clark returned Tuesday from Canisteo where she had been a guest at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Letts Thompson over the week-end.

Mrs. L. Welch of Belmont is at the home of her sister, Mrs. Dorr Stratton this week, called there by the illness of Mrs. Stratton.

Mrs. Anson Brewster is passing the week with her son, Herman Jackson and family of Elm Valley.

30 YEARS AGO

May 29, 1936

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Miss Ella Gallagher, 38, died at the family home on West Greenwood Street, Monday, May 23rd. Interment was in Gate of Heaven Cemetery.

Mr. and Mrs. Orville Green celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary Sunday at their home on Davis Hill. They were 72 guests, relatives and friends from various points of Pennsylvania and New York State in attendance.

Over 150 Legionnaires and ladies of the Auxiliary of Allegany County gathered at Andover Friday, May 22nd at a Testimonial Dinner and Reception for State Commander Hon. Edward M.

GREENWOOD NEWS

Grace Young, Reporter

Members of the Zion League of the Reorganized Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints attended a week-end Youth Retreat Decoration at the Allegany State Park. Rodney Burley was the adult counselor taking Jerry and Betty Burley, Leroy Bassett and Harley Holt. Mrs. Alvin Teribury went to help the kitchen staff.

Wednesday afternoon, June 8, the Western New York Conference of Methodist Churches opens at Wesley Church in Rochester. Sunday, June 12, area Bishop W. Ralph Ward of Syracuse will preach at Eastman Theater at 11 A. M. Ordination Service and reading of appointments will be at 3 P. M.

Children's Day service will be held in the Greenwood Church at 9:45 Worship Hour and no Church School. Rev. Roger Williams will be in Rochester.

Mrs. Daniel Redmond and Mrs. Albert Lamphier were in Corning recently to pick out supplies for the Annual Vacation Bible School to be held June 27 to July 2nd.

Miss Eleanor Acker left Thursday to return to her work at Dana, Kentucky, after a 3-weeks speaking tour.

Mrs. Daniel Redmond is retiring as Superintendent of the Methodist Church School after more than 15 years in the office. An appreciation dinner of the church family will be held at one o'clock Sunday, June 19th in the Church Hall. It will be a dish to pass and all are welcome.

Mrs. Mildred Clark entered the St. James Mercy Hospital in Hornell, Wednesday, May 25th for surgery. Sunday she went to the home of her daughter, Mrs. Charles Bettinger at Canisteo until Tuesday, when she came home.

Franz Teribury was a medical patient at the Bethesda Hospital Monday to Friday afternoon.

Mr. Miller, Sixth Grade Teacher at G. C. S., directed the Band Memorial Day and read Logan's Orders. Mrs. Ethel Cook, Chaplain of the Birmingham-Burd American Legion Auxiliary read the Memorial Prayer for deceased Veterans and placed the wreath. There was a good attendance for the Memorial program and because of the cold weather people did not linger.

G. C. S. was represented at the Dairyland Parade Saturday with the Band, Princess, Pat Hanbach and Prince Larry Woodworth.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Emmett Ersley and two children and Ronald Ersley of Newhall, California, came May 23rd to spend two weeks with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Chauncey Ersley of the Rexville Road. Mrs. J. E. Ersley and her mother flew to Elmira and flew back Monday when the family started driving home. Last week Mr. and Mrs. Jack Ersley and four children of Lawrenceburg, Indiana, and Miss Rita Ersley of Syracuse came

Scheiberling of Albany and State Auxiliary President, Mrs. William Corwith of Rockville Center, N. Y.

Miss G. O'Connell and pupils of the Dean District; pupils of District No. 6 with their teacher and her sister, Genevieve and Alice Clark, and Mrs. Agnes Greene and her pupils of Independence, all attended the Field Day in Andover Thursday. Mrs. Greene's group came home with 36 prize pencils.

Elizabeth Teribury spent the week-end with Mr. and Mrs. Edward Dean of Davis Hill.

John Vincent went to Cape Vincent Monday to visit his mother, Mrs. Ellen Vincent, who is ill.

Mrs. Bessie Mulconery returned Friday night from Saranac Lake, where she attended the Rebekah Assembly Session as proxy delegate from the Andover Lodge.

Miss Grace Fisher is passing a few days with her sister, Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Cornell and family at Jasper.

Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Deming of Whitesville were Saturday overnight guests of her sister and husband, Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Ruger.

for the week with their parents.

Mrs. Gerald Mullen graduated May 22nd as a Nurses Aid from the St. James Mercy Hospital in Hornell in a class of 17. Mrs. Mullen is employed at the hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. Lester Aldrich and son moved last week-end from Jasper to Calacon. Mrs. Aldrich and family had spent two weeks with her mother, Mrs. Louise Smith when the family who had bought the farm moved there. Roberta and Loretta Aldrich are staying with their grandmother until school is out. Mrs. Claude Wallace takes Roberta to finish at the Jasper school.

Mrs. Alma Potter and her nephew, Kenneth Lewis of Troupsburg called on Mr. and Mrs. William McDonough, Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Banks and family of Horseheads, R. D., and Mr. and Mrs. Donald Miller and daughters of Rochester spent Decoration Week-end with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Homer Banks. Sunday Mr. and Mrs. Miller took her parents to Rochester until Tuesday.

Mrs. Reva McCaffery of Danville, R.D., her niece Mrs. Glenn Gregory of St. Louis, Mo., and her great niece, Miss Angela Davis of Flint, Mich., called on Miss Ellen M. Young and Mrs. J. H. Goodno last Saturday. Mrs. McCaffery took Miss Young to Andover for the Alumni dinner at the Central School. Miss Young was a guest of honor for her 70th and Mrs. McCaffery a guest of honor for her 50th anniversary from high school.

Mrs. McCaffery and her guests had attended a reunion of her Class of 1916 at the Taylor home.

Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Gifford of Buffalo were guests Decoration week-end of her aunt, Miss Sabrey Stephens.

Mr. and Mrs. Percy Graham of Angelica called on Mr. and Mrs. William McDonough last Sunday.

Miss Cheryl Hussey completed her junior year at Houghton last week. Monday Mr. and Mrs. Virgil Hussey and Cheryl started on a three weeks motor trip to California. They will visit a niece and a nephew.

Clinton York made an emergency trip to Washington, D. C., May 27th. Betty York, a junior student at Gallaudet College had to have dental work. Sunday Mr. and Mrs. York took Betty to Elmira to fly back to take her final exams last week.

Barry Quinn, a sophomore Ceramic student at Alfred, is taking a required three weeks summer course at Alfred.

Gary Clark, an electrician in the Naval Air Corp has had his service extended 4 months. He is based at San Diego, California and is making trips to Viet Nam. He is the son of Mrs. Mildred Clark and husband of the former Linda Cady. He had expected to be home in July.

Miss Sabrey Stephens was a supper guest of Mrs. Mary Robbins in Canisteo, also Miss Ruby Tyler of Hornell was a guest.

The Junior-Senior Banquet was held at the Greenwood Central School Tuesday night, June 7th. The Senior Prom was held Saturday, May 28th.

Greenwood Central School, Post Office and local Office of the First State Bank of Canisteo were closed for Memorial Day.

Daniel Redmond has closed his Barber Shop while he does his Spring Farm work.

Don Sky, Dan Tolhurst and John McCaffery went to Hornell to participate in the Sectionals of BCD Track Meet Saturday.

Mrs. Daniel Redmond went to Meadville, Pa., this Tuesday to bring her son, Lynn, home for the summer. He has finished his sophomore year at Allegheny College.

Miss Donna Wallace has accepted a position at Craig Colony as Dental Assistant for this fall.