

MEMORIAL DAY — 1967

An Editorial

They did not pass in selfishness; they died for all mankind;
They died to build a better world, for all who stay behind;
And we who hold their memory dear, and bring them flowers today,
Should consecrate ourselves once more, to live and die as they.

To symbolize our love with flowers, is not enough to do;
We must be brave as they were brave, and true as they were true,
They died to build a better world, and we who mourn today,
Should consecrate ourselves once more, to live and die as they.

In May, 1868, that classic patriotic literature, issued by the Commander-in-Chief of the Grand Army of the Republic, General John A. Logan, as General Orders No. 11, established the observance of Memorial Day.

On Tuesday, May 30, the nation will pause to honor by word and deed those who have given their lives in America's defense.

Memorial Day signifies, perhaps more deeply than any other patriotic observance, the soul of America.

It was set aside as a Holiday to honor the dead and speak proudly of our National Traditions. The American Flag was waved proudly not cynically; people knew what it stood for and were not ashamed to doff their hats and stand at attention when it proudly passed by, carried by an interested citizen. Most people were proud to give the "Pledge of Allegiance" to the Flag of our Country, whether it was in Church, School, Fraternal Meetings or in Public Assemblies.

The patriots to be remembered in a special way on that day represent every generation of Americans. They fell in battle widely separated by distance and time — from the colonial town of Lexington to the wilderness of Vietnam, from the Spring of 1775 to the Spring of 1967. Some came of families long established in America; many others were new to the land and its promise. They differed in color, in religion, profession, in political faith and in other ways which historically have divided the human family.

Yet, all had this in common — they loved their country and they died to make men free!

Compare this with the selfish motives of many people of today; pressure groups that refuse to salute the flag of our land — or Pledge Allegiance to it; in fact even refuse to serve in the Armed Forces of our Country to defend our hard earned Liberties!

Just look at the complacency of many of our citizens today — that don't bother to get out and vote or pay any attention to what our duly elected Senators and Representatives are doing in Congress to give away our Freedoms almost every day!

We believe that Memorial Day should be a day to honor the dead, and speak proudly of our National Traditions — a day of rest and a day of peace.

It should be considered as a quiet day for sober reflection, instead of a noisy celebration. It could be spent early in the morning by decorating the graves of our War Veterans as well as the deceased of our own families. Later on, we could join the local American Legion or Veterans Program and pay homage to the departed Veterans of all Wars.

Much time, thought, planning and co-operation is put into the local Memorial Service by the different participating units: The American Legion and Auxiliary, The Woman's Relief Corps, The Andover Central School, the Churches and Clergy, Boy Scouts, Fraternal Organizations, and all others who join in the parade and take part in the services.

The success of this, or any other program, can only be measured by the number of members of the community that share in the ceremonies — and by the feeling and meaning that they put into it. The Parade and services are not just for Legion Members — but for all Veterans and local Citizens that are still proud of their Uniforms, Comrades, Flag and Country. Won't you join in too?



50 YEARS AGO

May 25, 1917

J. H. Backus, Publisher

Patrick Riley died at his farm home on South Hill, Sunday, May 20th. He is survived by two sisters, several nieces and nephews. Interment was in St. John's Cemetery.

Mrs. Mary J. Cornelius, 39, died at her home Friday, May 18th. Her husband, two daughters, two sons, her parents and a brother survive. Interment was in Hill-side Cemetery.

Miss Marjorie Borden and Ralph T. Bennett were united in marriage Wednesday, May 9th at Pitcher, N. Y.

Mrs. Frank Masby and Mrs. Chas Kervon and children visited their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Masby last week at Costello.

Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Hunt have returned from a two weeks visit in New York City, Albany and Buffalo, and are located in their home on State Street, Wells-ville.

Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Stein of Erie, N. Y., were summoned to Andover last Saturday by the death of her mother, Mrs. Elery Cornelius.

Misses Nellie McGinnis and Mary Rockwell spent Saturday and Sunday at Miss McGinnis' home in Eleven Mile, Pa.

Philip Baker was up from Wells-ville to play with the Andover Band Saturday and Sunday night.

Miss Helen Elston was a weekend guest at the home of her sister, Mrs. Albert Howe of Wells-ville.

Harland Robinson is home from Arcade for a week's visit with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Chas Robinson.

Miss Fannie Spaulding of Washington, D. C., is a guest at the Earley-Stephens home.

Mrs. L. C. Sterner of Rochester is passing a few days in Andover. Miss Frances Beabe was home from Danville over the weekend.

Mrs. Ada Howe of Alfred was the guest at the home of her son, Mr. and Mrs. Earl Howe Wednesday and Thursday.

40 YEARS AGO

May 27, 1927

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Western New York was swept Monday night by one of the most severe rain and wind storms of recent years. Belfast, Canandaigua, Alfred and Almond suffered from floods when three inches of water fell in one hour.

Michael L. Lynch, 38, died Saturday, May 21st. His father, three brothers and two sisters survive. Interment was in St. John's Cemetery.

Isaac Langworthy, 85, died Thursday at his home in Alfred. Mr. Langworthy was the last Civil War Veteran of that village.

The West Greenwood Grange will hold its 30th Anniversary Saturday, June 4th.

A Home Bureau for West Union was organized last Thursday at the home of Miss Emily Barney. Seventeen ladies were present.

About 25 friends and neighbors gathered at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Wittie last Thursday evening and surprised Mr. Huron Updyke on his 82nd birthday.

Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Witter and Mrs. Jennie Fuint motored to Burdette Saturday to attend the funeral of their cousin, Melvin Green.

Miss Julia Barrett is at Orange, N. J., called there by the critical illness of a sister, Mrs. Bessie O'Brien.

Miss Ellen Driscoll of Buffalo has been passing several days at the home of her mother, Mrs. Mary Driscoll of Dyke Street.

Mrs. Dan Witter and Mrs. Floyd Hann returned Friday from Buffalo, where they attended the Rebekah State Assembly and visiting relatives.

Mrs. P. J. Dougherty spent Friday and Saturday with her daughter, Mrs. Harold Griswold in Hor-nell.

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May 16, 1967

The News Printing House,
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N. Y.

Dear Editor:

Am sending along a check for my subscription to the Andover News.

I eagerly look forward to the News each week which generally arrives on Saturday and so forms a part of my week-end reading. I thoroughly enjoy your editorials and feel you should be congratulated in writing such timely ones.

I also enjoy particularly the "News that's fit to print" it gives me an idea of what's going on back in the Home Town.

Having been away from Andover since Sept. 1965 I find that I know very few people still residing there, so where do I turn first for the news — you guessed it — 30, 40 & 50 years ago. It is most nostalgic.

Agnes joins me in sending our very best to Claire and Jenney, we surely hope they enjoyed their winter in Florida, and that 1967 what's left of it, will be most kind to them.

Kind personal regards, also, to Mr. & Mrs. Editors.

Sincerely

U. V. Davis

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20 May 1967

Dear Red and Jeanne:

It has been sometime now since I've written but know that you and the Andover folks are ever in

Lever, E. D. Baker, A. R. Baker, W. F. O'Connell, Guy S. Wood and J. Harvey Backus were in Angelica Wednesday evening in attendance at the Annual Banquet of the Angelica Automobile Club.

30 YEARS AGO

May 21, 1937

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Mrs. Nellie Baker Robinson, 64, died Tuesday, May 18th. Her husband and several nieces and nephews survive. Interment was in Valley Brook Cemetery.

Mrs. Mary E. Hartum, 54, died Tuesday, May 18th at her home on Rochambeau Ave. Her husband survives. Interment was in Hill-side Cemetery.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Brown are the parents of a daughter, Carol Jeanne, born Saturday, May 15th.

Miss Vesta Baker of Whitesville accompanied Miss Eloise Minges of Independence home for the week-end.

Mr. and Mrs. A. O. Kemp and Mr. and Mrs. Oliver Kemp were in New York City from Sunday until Thursday.

Mrs. D. M. Cooper of Bradford, Pa., was a recent guest at the home of her sister, Mrs. A. R. Mead at their home in East Valley and attended the funeral of B. W. Conley.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Hardy left Monday by motor for New York City where they expect to meet his brother, Captain Clarence W. Hardy, and family before they sail for Alaska on Wednesday. They will also visit Mr. and Mrs. Rodney Robinson and other relatives at Rutherford, N. J., before returning home Thursday.

Mrs. Grace Wagner is attending the Rebekah State Assembly sessions at Buffalo this week as regular delegate from Andover Lodge. Rev. and Mrs. A. D. Shepard, Mrs. Hattie Eggleston, Miss Reta Stearns and Miss Eva Shepard left Thursday for Philadelphia, Pa., where they will attend the Northern Baptist Convention now being held in that city.

Mrs. F. L. Hann is attending the Rebekah State Assembly Sessions at Buffalo this week, and also visiting her daughter, Miss Edna Caple.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Green motored to Greenwood Sunday with her mother, Mrs. Melvin Atwell, who has been visiting them in East Valley.

my thoughts.

I thank you for printing the article on my newly published book, also the picture. Am having good luck in selling the book and have been delighted with the number of libraries who have purchased copies. Every book sold helps my printing costs.

Have been receiving wonderful benealogical records from Margaret P. Wood, particularly on the early Andover families. Wish more Andoverites would do the same!

I need an Andover Map. Is there such a one in existence, something showing the plan of the town and the street names? I wrote Paul Kilbuck but have not yet heard from him. Can you help? Would Fred Stone have such a map? Help! Help!

A few more pleasant events have happened to me since last I wrote.

I have made the 1966 ed. of "Who's Who in Library Services." And in the 13 May I was installed as President of the DeLand Branch of the American Association of University Women. In June with two other ladies I will be a delegate to represent our branch at the National Convention to be held for this time in Miami. Do not know as yet whether I will be able to visit Allegheny County this summer but certainly hope so.

We have had no rain for nearly three months. We are practically a "disaster area". Forest fires spring up every few days and everything — grass and plants look scorched and the water levels are low. In all the years we have lived in Florida have never experienced such a scarcity of water.

You still have my picture if you should want to use it. Keep it anyway in the event you may want to use it again sometime. Mother is quite well. My son Richard called us from Arlington, Virginia on Mother's Day and we had a big gab session. Barbara and family are fine in Hawaii and still looking for Jim's notice for his next tour of duty which should be given him soon. Probably they will be stationed this next time on the mainland. We all hope so.

We send our best wishes to Mr. and Mrs. Backus and hope you all have a good summer.

As ever,

Daphne M. Brownell

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May 18, 1967

The Editor

Andover News

Andover, New York

Dear Sir:

Our attention has been called to an item which appeared in your "Letters to the Editor" column for April 13, 1967. This letter from Richard E. Schultz attacks the safety of aluminum cooking utensils. Since we have examined this subject at considerable length, we would very much appreciate your consideration of our views.

We became interested in the healthfulness of aluminum cooking utensils years ago because salesmen for competitive utensils were representing to housewives that cooking in aluminum utensils was harmful to the health. We made an extensive investigation and, as a result, published the attached leaflet entitled "The Truth About Aluminum Cooking Utensils."

Although our own investigation among health authorities satisfies us that cooking in aluminum utensils is not in any way detrimental to health, we would respectfully call your attention to the fact that the subject has been exhaustively investigated by the Federal Trade Commission, and it found that the representations which competitive salesmen had made to the effect that cooking in aluminum utensils is harmful — were false and deceptive and in violation of the Act which the Commission administers. The Commission's findings and Orders were reviewed by the U. S. Court of Appeals and upheld.

Thus, we believe that these exhaustive and impartial legal proceedings fully support the views of many of the nation's leading health authorities to the effect that cooking in aluminum utensils is in no way harmful to human health.

We look forward to having a reply at your early convenience.

Sincerely yours,

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Executive Vice-President

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