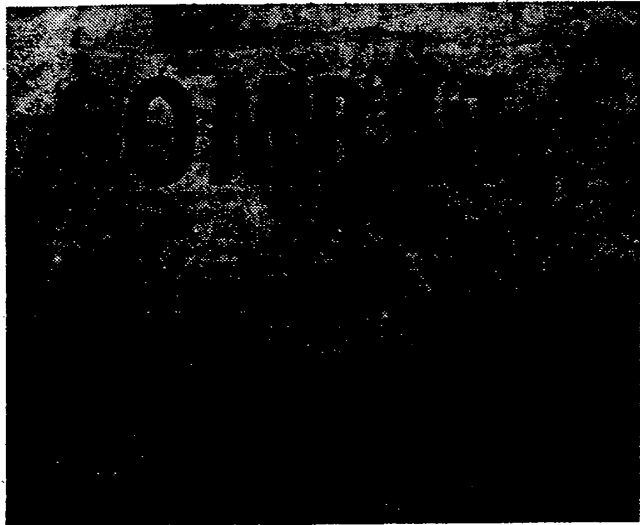


AMERICAN LEGION ANNIVERSARY

An Editorial



VIETNAM STYLE — 1967 - 1968

Forty-nine 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 49 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 49th 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.



50 YEARS AGO

March 8, 1918

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The members of the Baptist Church will hold a reception for their pastor, Rev. M. N. Longenecker and family, Wednesday, March 13th at 8 p. m.

The first thunderstorm of the season appeared Tuesday night.

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Rogers of Whitesville are the parents of a daughter, June Louise, born Feb. 17th.

Mrs. Flora Bess has rented her farm to Clifford T. Burdick who has taken possession of same.

Mr. and Mrs. Michael Dougherty are located in their new home on Elm St., purchased of William Rogers. Mr. Rogers and family are occupying the house owned by C. E. Hann on Third Street.

Clark Ferguson is working in Floyd Farwell's Barber Shop.

At the regular meeting of Andover Rebekah Lodge Wednesday evening, Mrs. Laura Witter was elected delegate and Mrs. Clara Childs alternate delegate to the State Assembly to convene at Saratoga Springs in May.

Laura Slocum passed the weekend with her aunt, Mrs. L. L. Spener at Alfred Station.

Mrs. Elmer Kemp left Andover Monday for Augusta, Ga., to join Capt. Kemp, who is now located there.

Mr. and Mrs. George Bloss have been visiting at the home of their daughter, Mrs. Mark Wilson of Whitesville this week.

Misses Cecile Hoard and Shirley Crandall came up from Hornell to pass Sunday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Hoard.

Mr. and Mrs. P. C. Stephens of Buffalo who were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Julius Updyke several days returned home Monday.

Mrs. Mike Peely of Hornell was the guest of Mr. and Mrs. William Pardon of East Valley Monday and Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Stevens of Buffalo were guests of her sister, Mrs. Adelbert Hann of Elm Valley last week.

40 YEARS AGO

March 9, 1928

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Mrs. Mary L. Bullard, life-long resident of Andover, died at the Oxford Home. Interment was in Valley Brook Cemetery, March 6th.

Mrs. Bridget Garvin, 80, died Sunday, March 4th. Two daughters, a brother and two sisters survive.

Mrs. Etha Cooper, 83, died Saturday, March 3rd. A son survives. Interment was in Jasper.

William F. Snyder and William F. O'Connell were unanimously chosen as candidates to succeed themselves as Trustees of the Village for the coming two years at the Union Caucus held Monday evening.

O. Bert Trowbridge of Pulaski, has been appointed Assistant Grand Lecturer for the 19th Capital District Royal Arch Masons, State of New York.

A company of friends surprised Mrs. Harry Buchholz of South Hill Tuesday evening to celebrate her birthday.

Mr. and Mrs. Lyle Heckman of Christian Hollow, are the parents of a daughter, Neva Rose, born Friday, March 2nd.

A party of friends and neighbors gathered at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Halsey, on the Cook farm on Davis Hill, Monday evening for one of their usual good times and fine suppers.

Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Willard and Mrs. H. D. Bardeen of Alfred Station were in Andover Saturday to see Mrs. D. C. Hardy who is ill.

Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Brown are taking in the sights in Texas and the South this week, they started from Andover Friday and joined an excursion which will bring them back in ten days.

Messrs Harold Howland, Fay Boyd, Porter Richards and Harold Dawson motored to Allegheny Sunday to witness the game between St. Bonaventure and Villanova.

Mr. and Mrs. M. T. Garvin and



by Alex Rankin

Republicans in the Legislature are set this week to force Democrats to do something about Medicaid.

The groundwork was laid last week in the Republican-controlled Senate.

Three Republicans passed a stingy set of Medicaid amendments. In brief these bills: cut the eligibility level from \$6,000 to \$5,300;

made ineligible anyone aged 21 to 64 who is not on some federal welfare plan; i.e., totally disabled, aid to dependent children or blind;

gave local welfare commissioners, with approval of local legislative bodies, power to raise the state, and get, eligibility levels in their area set below the \$5,300 mark.

The result of a \$300 million cut in overall Medicaid costs. Senate Democrats howled that Republicans were returning to the stone age in terms of social legislation.

Democratic Sen. Seymour Thaler of Queens waved an axe over

sons and Mrs. John Taft of Pittsburgh, Pa., and Mrs. P. L. Lynch of Hackensack, N. J., were called to Andover the last of the week by the illness and death of their mother, Mrs. Bridget Garvin.

30 YEARS AGO

March 11, 1938

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Miss L. Naomi Densmore of Oswayo, Pa., and Decatur M. Clarke of Independence, were united in marriage Sunday, March 6th by Rev. Walter L. Greene.

During the high water Saturday and early Sunday morning, the streets were full from curb to curb in places, but no particular damage was done in this area.

Specials this week: — Beef Roast, lb. 19c; Frankfurters, lb. 19c; Ground Beef, 2 lbs. 29c; Porterhouse, Sirloin or Round Steak, lb. 29c; Calif. Navel Oranges, doz. 29c; Dairy Cheese, lb. 23; and Oysters, pint 21c.

Mr. and Mrs. John Lewis of Independence entertained a large company Sunday to celebrate the birthday of their father, Jarvis Wallace.

Stephen Clarke of Independence went to Rochester Monday where he joined a party of Farm Bureau members on a trip to New York City and Washington, D. C.

Carl V. Clarke of Independence was a member of the party which toured the Herzog Lime Co. plants at Easton, Ohio.

Mrs. Howard Dean and Mrs. Anthony Dougherty of South Hill were Tuesday callers in Wellsville and their aunt, Mrs. P. J. Byrnes returned home with them to spend a few days.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Green of East Valley attended the Pomona Grange at Belfast Thursday and Friday.

Miss Harriet Williams who has been passing several weeks with her mother, Mrs. Mable Williams returned to New York City Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Clare Jackson and family motored to Rock City Sunday guests at the home of her brother, Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Cronk.

Ray Lynch of Buffalo visited at the home of his sister, Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Howland over the weekend.

Mr. and Mrs. Fay Brown and daughter, Mary, of Painted Post were guests of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Smith for several days.

William Lang, F. W. Burrows and J. E. Cannon were in Wellsville Sunday afternoon, where they sang with the Apollo Club in the new library.

Mrs. Edith Thorne attended the sessions of Pomona Grange held at Belfast Thursday and Friday. She was also an overnight guest of Mrs. Clara Nickerson at her home in Scot.

his head during the debate and accused Republicans of cutting the heart out of Medicaid.

Upstate welfare commissioners got to know Thaler very well last month as he tussled with the Joint Legislative Committee on Medicaid.

Thaler mixes court-room cross-examination with "do you beat your wife" questions into a style many welfare commissioners become all too familiar with.

Ironically, Thaler got the axe in the mail from a man who urged him to join lawmakers who were trying to cut governmental costs and taxes.

Now the bills are in the Assembly, where Democrats have a majority.

Republicans are counting on upstate Democrats to force Assembly Speaker Anthony J. Travia to put the bills out on the floor for debate.

Republicans lack six votes of having enough to do it. There are 14 upstate Democrats who could do the trick.

Another thing in their favor is the fact that Travia appears to be losing his iron grip.

Evidence of this came two weeks ago when Democrats embarrassed their leader and refused to allow Gov. Rockefeller to address a joint session of the Legislature on the New York City garbage crisis — after Travia had already gone to the governor's mansion and promised he could make the address.

Some Democrats are beginning to believe the stories that Travia is about to accept a federal judgeship, which means he won't have anything to hold over their heads to hold them in line.

Land For Lease!

Four parcels of land, totaling approximately 65 acres, at the Almond Dam and Reservoir, Hornell, N. Y., and seven parcels of land, totaling 248 acres at Whitney Point Dam and Reservoir, Whitney Point, N. Y., are being offered for lease by the Baltimore District, Army Corps of Engineers.

Sealed bids on the land will be received at the Real Estate Division, U. S. Army Engineer District, Baltimore, Room 1319, Federal Building, 31 Hopkins Plaza, Baltimore, Md., 21201, until 3 p. m., March 29, when they will be opened and announced.

Use of the land will be restricted to grazing and the growing of hay grasses and corn and truck crops. The planting, cultivation, or producing of price-supported crops in surplus will not be permitted.

Detailed information and bid forms may be obtained from 9 A. M. to 4 P. M., from W. J. Fohr, Dam Tender, Almond Dam and Reservoir, P. O. Box 400 Hornell, N. Y., Telephone 324-6531, or E. G. Wuest, Dam Tender, Whitney Point Dam and Reservoir, P. O. Box "F" Whitney Point, N. Y., 13862, Telephone 692-3165.



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