

MEMORIAL DAY — 1968

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 Thursday, 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 1968. 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?

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50 YEARS AGO

May 24, 1918

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William Diffin, 66, died May 16. A brother and two sisters survive. Archie Macaulay of Belvidere was calling on friends in Andover Friday and Saturday.

Mrs. Bessie Herrick and daughter, Marion of New York City, are visiting at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. M. Barney.

One of the most severe thunder and hail storms known in the section swept over Andover Wednesday afternoon about five P. M. Some of the hail stones measured seven inches around and caused considerable damage.

Mrs. John Scam visited her daughter at Almond the first of the week.

Lloyd Robinson came home from Cornell University Monday evening for the summer vacation.

Miss Anger Farley, with her pupils from West Hill, attended Field Day in Andover on Monday.

Miss Susan Langworthy and Miss Hart of Alfred were week-end guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. D. M. Green.

Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Hunt were called to Buffalo Tuesday by the critical illness of Mrs. Hunt's brother-in-law, M. A. Ingalls.

Mr. and Mrs. P. J. Gallagher and family returned to their home in Salamanca Monday after spending a few weeks with relatives in Andover.

Ralph Temple left Andover Thursday afternoon for a few days visit with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Temple of Wells-ville, before leaving for the service.

P. Kilbane and sister, Miss Mary Kilbane of Cleveland, Ohio, returned to their home Saturday after a week's visit with their father, John Kilbane of Andover.

Mrs. Lawrence Terribury and Mrs. Woodruff of Alfred, returned the first of the week from Camp Dix where they went to visit Lawrence Terribury before he leaves for France.

Mrs. Daniel Witter and Mrs. Floyd Hann are at Saratoga Springs this week in attendance at the Rebekah State Assembly. Mrs. Witter is the delegate from Andover Lodge No. 303.

Frank Updyke and family of Binghamton, are visiting relatives and former neighbors in Greenwood and vicinity.

40 YEARS AGO

May 25, 1928

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Miss Ruth Parker has accepted the contract to teach mathematics in Bolivar High School the coming year.

Mrs. Fred Short and children of Wellsville, spent a few days last week with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. Wallace.

Mr. and Mrs. Uriah Davis and son, Robert of Rochester, were visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Davis of Davis Hill over the week-end.

The Misses Laura and Margaret Grossman were visiting their father, Jesse Grossman of Davis Hill Saturday and Sunday.

Mrs. Sophia Slocum who has been visiting at the Floyd Slocum home on Davis Hill for two weeks, returned to her home in North Bingham Sunday.

Mrs. Grace Brewster of West Greenwood is in Hornell caring for her mother, Mrs. Nettie Miller, who is ill.

Miss Emma Felsing closed a successful year of school in Elm Valley Wednesday. She has been engaged for the next year.

Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Williams motored to Elmira and were week-end guests at the home of Mrs. Grace Green.

Rev. and Mrs. Charles F. Parsons arrived in Andover Wednesday evening. Rev. Parsons is the new pastor of the Andover Presbyterian Church.

The Misses Eleanor Fish and Ella B. Wright of Glens Falls, N. Y., former instructors at Andover High School, were guests of Andover friends this past week.



By Alex Rippe

Many people have been so rash as to accuse the biggest Democrat in Albany, Assembly Speaker Anthony J. Travis, of fiddling with the tally sheet on votes on bills. Earlier this month he apparently got caught.

It at least looked that way to those who were in the Assembly chamber the night the new gasoline, cigarette and income tax bills were voted.

First a few facts. In the Assembly it takes 76 votes to pass a bill. On a roll call vote, those

Miss Mira Diffin and mother were week-end guests at the home of her sister, Mrs. Nellie Montezano at Burka.

Mrs. Amelia Orvis has returned home, after several weeks visit with her daughter, Mrs. Emily Swain of Canaseraga and her niece at Adrian.

Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Smith and family of Bradford, Pa., were week-end guests at the home of Mrs. Smith's father, Henry Horan and other relatives in the village.

Miss Sylvia Reis, RN, of New York City, motored to Andover Tuesday and is passing a few days at the home of Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Robinson and other Andover relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Reginald Starr and family of Campbell were guests of Mrs. Starr's mother, Mrs. Ila Baker Sunday. Mrs. Baker and Mrs. A. L. Bloss returned home with them for a visit.

30 YEARS AGO

May 27, 1938

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Frederick H. Marvin, 67, died at his home on Fairview Ave., Wednesday, May 24. His widow, three daughters and a son survive. Interment was in Hillside Cemetery.

About fifty people gathered at the home of Mr. and Mrs. C. S. Rennells Friday afternoon and evening to help them celebrate their 30th wedding anniversary.

Mrs. Martha Bloss has purchased the M. A. Mitchell house on Rochambeau Ave., and Mr. and Mrs. Mitchell have purchased of Mrs. Bloss, her house, on Water Street.

Veron Dodge of Almond was the guest at the home of his cousin, Mrs. Eva Crowner of Elm Valley last week.

Mrs. Christina Atwell is spending the week at the home of her son, Wilmer Atwell.

M. C. Karnes of Andover has purchased the former Eugene Hand farm in Elm Valley and has taken possession.

Mrs. Eliza Sherwood visited her sister, Mrs. Samuel Deming at Whitesville the past week.

Mrs. Carol Church entertained about forty friends Thursday evening at a house warming in their new home on Voorhees Hill.

Charles Gath and Walter Gath have gone to Barton, N. J., to work for H. E. Bunce.

Mrs. Pearl Woodard of Hornell spent Saturday and Sunday at the home of her mother, Mr. and Mrs. B. H. Hann.

Mrs. John Vincent returned home Friday after passing a portion of the winter in Florida and New York City.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Bassett of Buffalo passed the week-end with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. R. Bassett.

Mr. and Mrs. A. R. Mead and Richard Trowbridge of East Valley visited at the home of their son and uncle, Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Mead of Elmira Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. H. D. Rogers spent Saturday and Sunday with her mother, Mrs. Melvina Robbins at North Bingham.

Miss Irene Jones of Wellsville passed the week-end with her brother and family, Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Jones.

Attorney and Mrs. C. L. Earley passed the week-end in Alfred, guests of Mrs. Eda Sheppard.

wishing to vote in the negative raise their hands. All others are presumed, and recorded in the affirmative. The clerk looks around the room and when he sees a hand up, he makes a check mark in the negative column next to that man's name on the tally sheet. After the vote is announced, the clerk reads aloud the names of those who had voted in the negative.

At midnight the Assembly, with Travis in the speaker's chair, took up the gasoline tax bill. The hands went up. Speeches were made and the vote was announced. But the names of those in the affirmative were not read.

Republican Assemblyman Edwin Mason of Hobart, who sits in the last row, got up and asked for the names of those in the negative to be read aloud.

"Who asked for that?" said Travis with a frown.

"I did", replied Mason. Travis stared at Mason for what seemed like two minutes. "Read the names", he told the clerk.

And when the clerk had finished reading them, Mason's name was not among those he had read.

There was an uproar. Assemblymen got up and began milling about, talking in little groups and wondering what to do now.

Mason knew what to do. He marched down to the clerk's desk and demanded he be recorded in the negative. He had had his arm up during the vote.

Two others also came down: Republican Assemblymen Edward F. Crawford of Oswego and John H. Terry of Syracuse. There were others too.

Before the uproar the gasoline tax hike had passed by four votes.

The commotion lasted for almost an hour. It took Travis that long to get the four votes back. Travis called Democrats to his chair one by one. Some would not come. He got angry at the clerk. His legal counsel talked on the telephone to Perry B. Duryea of Long Island, the Republican minority leader, on the private line connecting the chair with the floor of the Assembly. It was an angry conversation at times.

That is because the gasoline tax hike was part of a package agreed to by Travis, Duryea and Republican Senate Majority Leader Earl W. Brydges of Niagara Falls.

Travis and Duryea had worked out a deal whereby a proportion of both sides would vote for the tax. For the Democrats this was so it would not look as if the Democrats had carried a Republican governor's tax plan through the Assembly. For the Republicans it was to let those among them who are in conservative districts or those who might be in serious trouble in the November election, off the hook.

There was also the problem that Travis is a "lame duck." Sometime this summer he will become a federal judge — which means that he cannot threaten anyone because he won't be around next year to make good his threats.

Travis is a unique speaker. He almost never, in contrast to other speakers leaves the chair. Some suspect it is because he trusts no one. Evidence for this is the fact that he works long hours late into the night in his office doing work others would have delegated to staff members.

This time it almost didn't make any difference.

The first person to survive a plunge over Niagara Falls in a barrel was a woman, Annie Edson Taylor, who accomplished the feat Oct. 21, 1901. Next was Bobby Leach, who did it in 1911. His barrel was steel rather than wood. Two daredevils have used rubber balls. Jean Lussier in 1928 and Nathan Boya in 1961. Three persons have died attempting to conquer the falls.

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