

THE PRICE WE 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 McKeam 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-rousing ruffians. They were soft-spoken men of means and education. They had security, but the 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

August 9, 1918

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Jesse Conrad Greene, 78, died at his home on Pleasant Ave., Monday, August 5th. A grandson, two sisters and three brothers survive. Interment was in Valley Brook Cemetery.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Updyke of West Union are the parents of a daughter born August 6th.

Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Carpenter are the parents of a daughter, who arrived at their home Sunday.

Mrs. M. G. Stout of Wellsville and Mrs. Stewart Cody and two sons of Morgantown, W. Va., were guests at the home of S. W. Clarke of Independence for a few days.

Mrs. A. C. Greene and Fern of Independence are visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Tompson at Hebron, Pa.

Miss Beatrice Barney is visiting her aunt, Mrs. H. K. Bassett and other relatives in Independence.

Miss Reta Stearns of Andover was a week-end guest of Miss Bertha Hardy of Independence.

Mr. and Mrs. Will Dean and little son and their sister, Mrs. Holland, motored from Philadelphia, Pa., Saturday to the home of William Dean of South Hill, where they were guests until Tuesday.

The young people of East Valley went to Shovel Hollow Friday night to help surprise Louise Will, it being her birthday.

Miss Mary O'Donnell of Pittsburgh, Pa., is the guest of her sister, Mrs. Eliza Doran.

Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Vars and children of Tulla, Texas, are in Andover visiting relatives for a few days.

Mrs. Eugene Smith and daughter, Helen, of Olean, have been visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Adelbert Hann.

Mr. and Mrs. S. J. Joyce and children of St. Catherine, Canada are passing a week's vacation with Andover relatives.

Mrs. H. C. Burgett and daughter Bertha, and Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Higby left for Perry Tuesday, after a short visit at the home of their son and brother, Ralph Burgett, who left for Fort Slocum Tuesday night.

Misses Cecile Hoard and Lela Slocum were home from Hornell to pass the week-end with their parents.

Mrs. Joe Lynch and daughter have been spending several days guests of her sister Mrs. P. J. Gallagher of Salamanca.

40 YEARS AGO

August 10, 1928

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Miss Mary O'Donnell, 71, died at her home in Pittsburgh, Pa., Sunday, August 5th. Burial was in St. John's Cemetery, Andover.

Helen Alberta Joyce, 16, died Thursday, August 2nd. Her parents, a sister, a brother and her grandmother survive. Interment was in Valley Brook Cemetery.

Phillip Crandall of Independence has been spending a few days with his uncle, Ed. Greene of Tip Top.

Mrs. Maud Prest Scott of Dansville, will teach read basket weaving at the parish house in Independence Tuesday and Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Clarke of Rochester are visiting his father, H. M. Clarke of Independence. Kenneth Waters, who is working near Andover, spent a few days last week with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Perk Waters of Greenwood.

Mrs. Marie Beach of Rochester is visiting her sister, Mrs. T. G. Burdick of Tip Top.

Louis McCrea of Friendship is the new superintendent of the Borden Plant in Elm Valley. He expects to move his family there soon.

Mr. and Mrs. Luther Hyde and children of Philadelphia, Pa., are guests at the homes of her mother, Mrs. Louise Jobson and sister, Mrs. Leo Snyder.

Miss Loretta Quigg R.N., of New York City, is at the home of

her parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Quigg on West Greenwood Street for a vacation visit.

Miss Kathryn Doran of Canistota was a week-end guest of her sister, Mrs. Robert Dean and family.

Mr. and Mrs. William Nelson of Hornell were guests of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Updyke Monday.

Miss Margaret Casey has returned to her home in Wharton, N. J., after visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. E. F. Padden and other Andover friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Erwin and daughter, Ruth of Philadelphia, Pa., were guests of his sister and family, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Updyke and other Andover relatives last week.

30 YEARS AGO

August 12, 1938

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Mr. and Mrs. Paul J. Vincent of Buffalo, are the parents of a son, Paul Robert, born Tuesday, August 9th at the home of Mrs. Hattie Eggleston. Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Spicer are the maternal grandparents.

Mrs. Frank Mead won first prize in the Gingerbread Contest held at Andover Grange Tuesday night.

Mrs. Henry C. Joyce, 73, died at her home on Joyce Hill, Tuesday, August 9th. Her husband, two daughters and three sons survive. Interment was in Gate of Heaven Cemetery, Andover.

Philip Crandall, 21, who had been working in floriculture at Delhi, N. Y., during summer vacation, died Sunday, August 7th. His parents, two brothers and a sister survive. Interment was in Alfred Rural Cemetery.

Ruth and Onnalee Greene of Davis Hill, accompanied Mr. and Mrs. John Snyder to Pittsburgh, Pa., Thursday for a visit with relatives.

Mrs. A. W. Whitford of Watsontown, Pa., is visiting her mother, Mrs. Maude Clarke of Independence.

Mrs. Wayne Crandall and son, Kenneth have been passing the week with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Crandall of Independence.

Messrs. Edward and Wayne Crandall of Independence, are enjoying a week's vacation fishing in the Adirondacks.

Miss Betty Green of Independence with Misses Doris and Roberta Church of Andover, are taking a trip to Alabama. They expect to be gone ten days.

Thirty-seven friends and relatives gathered at the home of Mrs. Emily King of West Greenwood and enjoyed a picnic dinner. The occasion being Mrs. King's 77th birthday.

Mrs. Luke Dougherty is visiting her parents at Turtle Point this week.

Edward Cannon of the Buffalo Medical College passed the week-end in Andover.

Raymond Snyder and Richard Harder were among those attending the ball game in Cleveland, Sunday.

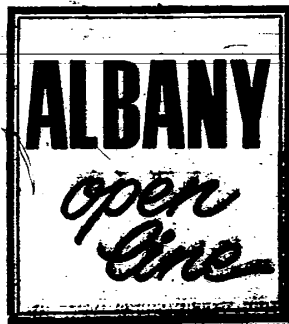
Francis Vickers is acting manager at the Market Basket Store in Cuba this week. Mrs. Vickers is passing the week at Cuba Lake, guest of Mrs. William Lang at their cottage.

Leo and Louis Fulkerson are visiting their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Clark Fulkerson at Akron, Ohio. They also attended the ball game at Cleveland, Ohio, Sunday.

Laws specify that both hamburger and ground beef must be ground fresh beef with fat content not exceeding 30 per cent. Ground chuck may be made only from beef chuck; ground round only from beef round.

Marlene Boehmer, New York State Maple Queen, will demonstrate maple products in the Maple Booth at the Erie County Fair, August 17 to 24. She won her title at the N. Y. State Maple Queen competition in Franklinville, April 20, and went on to participate in the National Contest in Vermontville, Michigan, April 27 where she was chosen first runner-up.

Miss Boehmer lives in Machias, N. Y. She graduated from Delevan Machias Central School this June and plans to become a nursery school teacher. She was a high school cheerleader and active in many school organizations.



by Alex Resnick

Joseph Resnick has put a dent in one of our political myths. The myth is that anyone with enough money can buy an election.

In the June 18 off-year primary race across the state for the Democratic U. S. senatorial nomination, Resnick came in third. In losing the most he also spent the most.

Resnick, the congressman for Ellenville, spent \$776,993, according to figures he filed with the Department of State in Albany, or \$9 for every \$1 that his two opponents Paul O'Dwyer, the winner, and Eugene Nickerson, the other loser spent.

Nickerson spent less on his whole campaign — or at least he claimed he did — than Resnick spent on his phone bill.

Resnick's phone bill was — \$82,000.

Nickerson's total campaign expenses were \$58,765.

As you would by now expect, the man who won the nomination, O'Dwyer, said he spent the least — \$27,000.

O'Dwyer, the surprise winner in the election is a backer of U. S. Eugene McCarthy in the race for the Democratic presidential nomination. Nickerson supported the late Sen. Robert F. Kennedy and Resnick supported Vice President Hubert H. Humphrey.

Resnick is reported to be a millionaire. So much for the myth.

Other questions are raised by the figures, however. To begin with, no one believes them. State law requires them to be filed in Albany. For years no one has believed the figures.

The state Legislature this year tried to bring some realism into the figures. Until this year candidates for state offices other than the governor could spend no more than 012,000. Obviously the last has been ignored for some time.

The lawmakers hiked the limit to about \$700,000.

They did this by saying a candidate can spend a maximum of ten cents a registered voter.

With the number of registered voters in the state at about seven million, the candidates could each spend about \$700,000.

Even so Resnick slopped over by \$76,000.

The Legislature did not go too far, however.

They quickly killed a bill that would have set up a commission with the authority to investigate the financial statements of candidates and refer discrepancies to the state attorney general for prosecution.

It is obvious to see why that bill died.

Cultivating deeper than two inches is likely to injure the roots of vegetables.

