

VETERANS DAY — 1968

An Editorial

Veterans Day, 1968, is an occasion to salute the men and women, from 1775 to the present, whose services in uniform have been vital to our country's growth, and more than once to its very survival.

The dedication of this day to all veterans properly focuses the Nation's attention. The truth is that, in the final analysis, it is not solely massive, armies, navies, and air forces, or industrial might that win wars. Rather, victories are won by men — lonely individuals whose skins, courage, determination, and sacrifices, establish the measure of our Nation's strength.

While we can't recall it, there probably wasn't a moment of national relief and jubilation like that experienced by America on the eleventh hour of the eleventh month in 1918 — the World War Armistice Day which since World War II has been changed to Veterans Day and is observed as a National Holiday.

After World War I, this sacred moment was observed throughout our schools, public offices and across our nation by moments of silence.

It had been the "war to end all wars" — at least to Veterans and Americans. Great sacrifices had been made — but perpetual peace had been at last achieved. Yet this lasted just a little over 20 years.

This coming Monday we honor the men who also died in another great World Conflict, World War II, in addition to those who have paid the supreme sacrifice in Korea and other so-called Police Actions along the Communist Frontiers.

Today, as we go to print, more Americans are being killed at their posts in Viet Nam in an effort to halt the Communist efforts that are being made to "Conquer and Rule the World".

The presence of our American Soldiers at these jumping off places of Civilization are a living reminder that despite all the talk of peace — a strong American force is an absolute necessity to preserve our American Ideals and Ways of Life and Liberty.

No one hates war more than the war veteran. No one strives more ardently for an honorable peace than the veteran who has known war in all its brutality. But that same veteran also knows that an honorable peace cannot be a reality as long as there are forces in the world aggressively seeking its domination and the eradication of individual dignity.

Veterans Day 1968 calls for a universal American expression of unity in support of today's generation of servicemen and women who are facing up to the hard truth in meeting this evil of our time. Their fine example follows in the same tradition of earlier generations of American veterans and should give confidence to all Americans. It proves that ordinary citizens are capable of meeting the challenges set before them in the defense of freedom anywhere in the world.

We believe that the actions and the antics of the "draft-dodgers" and exhibitionists that are preaching, or actually destroying their draft cards is something to make true Americans sick to their stomach.

Irresponsible and unpatriotic deeds like this have raised storms of protests and demonstrations across this great wide country of ours. But, it shows us that there are minority groups within our midst who have no respect for the Flag or the laws of the country that they are living in. These are the people that we have to watch out for — as well as the enemy!

"Teddy" Roosevelt is quoted as having once said: "Speak Softly — But Carry a Big Stick". This bit of blunt advice has been ignored many times since its utterance by we "Easy Going Americans" and has undoubtedly cost us billions of dollars as well as the lives of many good citizens and soldiers.

We, as Good Americans, should do our utmost to see that "Our Big Stick" is in constant readiness so that the lives of all those brave men who died to preserve our freedom, will not have been in vain!

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50 YEARS AGO

November 8, 1918
 J. H. Backus, Publisher
 W. B. Chase has purchased the Mark Kemp residence on Rochambeau Ave., and will take possession about November 16th.

Miss Mary Dougherty of Bolivar District Deputy President, installed Jennie Crandall as Noble Grand of Andover Rebekah Lodge Wednesday evening.

Miss Mary Conwell of Bradford was the guest of her aunt, Mrs. P. A. Dean and family of South Hill, the last of the week.

A farewell party was given in honor of Mr. and Mrs. Howard White Thursday evening with a large crowd attending. Mr. and Mrs. White are moving to Hornell.

Rev. M. N. Longenecker has resigned as pastor of the Baptist Church to accept a call as pastor to a union parish in Almond.

Attorney C. L. Earley was a business caller in New York City the first of the week.

Miss Ruby Snyder has returned to the I.B.I. at Rochester, after several weeks illness with influenza.

Mr. and Mrs. Leon Bloss and family of Sayre, Pa., are passing a few days visiting relatives and friends in town.

Miss Mayme Dean of North Tonawanda, is spending a few days at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. P. A. Dean.

Mrs. Clara Rogers went to Belmont Thursday to visit at the home of her daughter, Mrs. O. G. Whitcomb over the week-end.

Carlisle Myers has been in Andover this week visiting his brother, Allen Myers. Private Myers left Andover in August and has been stationed at Camp Porter near Niagara Falls.

Mrs. Leonard Harvey of Almond came to Andover Thursday of last week and was the guest of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Strait, until Tuesday. Mr. Harvey came Saturday, remaining over the week-end and returning to Almond with Mrs. Harvey Tuesday.

Miss Julia Raufenbarth returned to New York City Sunday to resume her school duties.

Eliza Slocum, four-year old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Slocum, died Wednesday, October 23rd, following a short illness of influenza. Besides her parents, four sisters and two brothers survive. Interment was in the Mead Cemetery on Greenwood Hill.

Mrs. Agnes O'Hargan, died last Thursday at her home in Greenwood. Her husband and eleven children survive.

40 YEARS AGO

November 9, 1928
 J. H. Backus & Son, Publishers
 Herbert Hoover was elected the Thirtieth President of the United States on Tuesday, November 6th.

Rev. and Mrs. Charles Parsons are the parents of a daughter, Charlotte Jean, born Wednesday, November 7th.

Mr. and Mrs. M. A. Crandall of Andover spent the week-end with Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Clarke of Independence.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl V. Clarke of Independence were in Rochester Friday and Saturday.

Mrs. Jane Updyke of Independence, has gone to Andover to spend the winter with her daughters.

Mr. and Mrs. F. S. Clarke have their reservations for Sunday evening for their trip to Florida, where they will be located at Brandenton for the winter.

District Deputy Grand Master I. O.O.F. of Allegany County, Norman Rogers of Whitesville, made an official visit at Andover Odd Fellow Lodge Tuesday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. E. D. Baker, and daughter, Ella Adelaide, accompanied by Ralph Williams, left Friday by motor for several days in New York City. Mr. Baker will purchase holiday goods for Baker's Hardware, and the party will visit friends and relatives in the city.

Mrs. Amelia Orvis went to Canaseraga Monday to visit her daughter, Mrs. Emily Swain.

Miss Belle Brundage went to Canisteo, Tuesday, where she is passing the week guest of Mrs. Eunice Goff.

Mrs. Edward McAndrew and son, Richard, returned home Monday from Hornell, where she had been the guest of relatives and friends over Sunday.

Mrs. Carrie Slade was the guest of Miss Alice Clarke over the week-end. Her son, Clark W. Slade of Mercersburg, Pa., who was called to Independence by the death of his grandmother, Mrs. Alice Clarke was calling on Andover relatives on his return trip home the last of the week.

Mrs. Nora Crandall of Independence reports that a sunflower in her garden grew five feet in height; had a stalk seven inches around at the base; five inches at the head and the head was 40 inches around.

Maxson Clarke of Alfred University spent the week-end with his grandmother, Mrs. Mary Greene of Independence.

30 YEARS AGO

November 11, 1938
 J. H. Backus & Son, Publishers
 The Mahlon Mitchell residence on Water St., was badly damaged by fire Wednesday forenoon.

Elba R. Howland, 68, a native of Andover, died suddenly November 8th at Tulsa, Okla. His wife, a son, two brothers and three sisters survive.

Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Bostwick have moved from Corning into the house of Mrs. P. K. Tuttle on Dyke St. Mrs. Tuttle is now occupying rooms over the Variety Store.

A few Elm Valley neighbors and friends gave Mrs. Eva Leonard a party Friday evening in honor of her birthday.

Sunday the young men in Independence helped Mrs. Milford Crandall plant shrubs in their arbor as a memorial for Philip Crandall.

Mrs. Miranda Atkins of Whitesville is making her home with her sister, Mr. and Mrs. Earl Greene of Independence for the winter.

Mrs. Charles Bassett and Charles of Wellsville were guests over the week-end of Mr. and Mrs. H. Hawks of Independence.

A large number of people waited anxiously thru Monday P. M. to view the eclipse on the moon, which proved to be worth waiting for.

Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Dean and Miss Mary Doran motored to Pittsburgh, Pa., Wednesday where they will visit at the home of Mr. and Mrs. M. T. Garvin until Sunday.

Miss Helen Gallagher of Hornell is spending the week with her grandmother, Mrs. E. Gallagher.

Mrs. Sarah Guinn spent Wednesday on Pingrey Hill, visiting her brother, Mr. and Mrs. Michael Gavin.

Lester Regan attended the Conesus - St. Bonaventure football game played at Buffalo Sunday. Jack Regan accompanied his brother home, returning to St. Bonaventure Monday.

James Nobles began work this week at Dewitt & Boag Silk Mills in Hornell.

Mrs. Minnie Diffin returned home Monday from Beach Hill, where she passed some time at the home of her daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Edward Brandes.

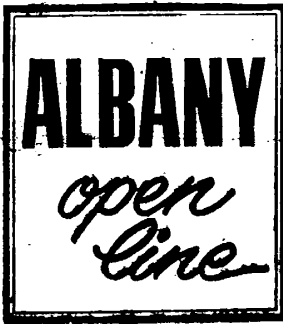
Mrs. Robert Bullard passed the week-end in Friendship with Mr. and Mrs. Homer Spencer and Mrs. Louise Corwin.

Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Wenz left Saturday for their winter home in St. Cloud, Florida.

Mr. and Mrs. F. L. Hann passed the week-end in Buffalo with their daughter, Miss Edna Caple.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Bassett of Buffalo passed the week-end at the home of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. I. R. Bassett.

Miss Marion Swarts returned Sunday from a two weeks visit with her mother, Mrs. Alice Swarts in Rochester.



by Alex Rankin

An \$18.4 million Albany boondoggle has been nipped in the bud. It might not be the most charitable thing to say, but it is close to the truth to suggest this one died because this is an election year and Republicans are making an all-out drive to recapture the state Assembly and hang on to the state Senate.

Killed was a low-income public housing project in that even bigger boondoggle, the Albany South Mall.

Here briefly was the pre-death picture.

Governor Rockefeller proposed building a 442-unit low-income apartment building at a cost of \$18.4 million. Contracts were sent to State Comptroller Arthur Levitt, a Democrat, a few weeks ago. He flipped.

When he landed he demanded to know why the state was building apartments at a cost of \$41,629 a unit — more than double the average cost of such units around the state.

He also demanded to know why three years ago when the project was first dreamed up more apartments were to be built at a lower cost — 500 units for \$10.2 million.

A week later Mr. Levitt agreed to approve the project. He said architects had said the higher cost was due to foundation problems and the need to blend the building in with other buildings on the South Mall.

He said he agreed to do it only after Rockefeller agreed to shift \$7.4 million of the cost from state housing bonds to South Mall bonds — a shift which some experts say would have cost taxpayers more anyway because of technical differences in the two bonding schemes.

But the big stink came when it was revealed that residents of the building would pay only \$67.38 a month for their \$41,000 homes.

The rest, amounting to about \$2 million a year, would be paid for by taxpayers.

Republican State Senator John H. Hughes of Syracuse gets official credit for killing the whole thing.

Hughes fired off an angry letter to Earl W. Brydges of Niagara Falls, the Senate Republican majority leader, asking that he demand that Rockefeller kill the apartment project.

Brydges did just that, according to Hughes. And a short time later word came from Rockefeller to Brydges that the project would be killed.

The South Mall is a huge state government building complex now under construction next to the State Capitol building in Albany.

In 1962 the public was told the project would cost \$250 million.

Just this year Rockefeller and other state officials said the project, covering about 100 acres of former Albany slum, would cost \$610 million.

And Levitt said a few weeks ago that before the buildings are up — sometime in 1973 — the whole thing will cost more than \$1 billion.

The mall is being financed by one of those gimmicks one gets used to.

Under this one, the bonds are actually being sold by Albany County. When the project is finished, the county will lease the whole thing to the state — whose lease payments will hopefully pay off the bonds.

Thus the entire project is outside the official record of the state's finances.

But you try and deduct it on your state income tax form and see what happens.

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