

THE PUEBLO AFFAIR!

An Editorial

After hearing all sorts of comments on, and about the Pueblo affair, we feel that it is high time for all "Red-Blooded Americans" who believe in these, the United States of America, to — "stand up and be counted."

We have heard the Pacifists declare that the Commander of the Pueblo should be highly decorated and commended for saving the lives of his men on his ship — by surrendering! And, they even go so far as to say that he should be given another command!

Then, there are the fighters, and most Servicemen who feel that he did not perform his duty and should be relieved of any command responsibility — as well as reprimanded.

For the Pacifist, we wonder if they know what they are talking about — and if they have ever heard of the "CODE OF CONDUCT" that has been in effect for: "Members of the Armed Forces of the United States" for several years.

Here is the "CODE OF CONDUCT" for Members of the Armed Forces of the United States, GTA 21-50, dated June 1958 which has had the following distribution — 1 card per each Officer, Warrant Officer, and Enlisted Person in the Active Army, National Guard, and United States Army Reserve.

1. I am an American fighting man. I serve in the forces which guard my country and our way of life. I am prepared to give my life in their defense.

2. I will never surrender of my own free will. If in command I will never surrender my men while they still have the means to resist.

3. If I am captured I will continue to resist by all means available. I will make every effort to escape and aid others to escape. I will accept neither parole nor special favors from the enemy.

4. If I become a prisoner of war, I will keep faith with my fellow prisoners. I will give no information or take part in any action which might be harmful to my comrades. If I am senior, I will take command. If not, I will obey the lawful orders of those appointed over me and will back them up in every way.

5. When questioned, should I become a prisoner of war, I am bound to give only name, rank, service number, and date of birth. I will evade answering further questions to the utmost of my ability. I will make no oral or written statements disloyal to my country and its allies or harmful to their cause.

6. I will never forget that I am an American fighting man, responsible for my actions, and dedicated to the principles which made my country free. I will trust in my God and in the United States of America. (End).

Now, we ask all of you to do a little soul-searching and see if there is any way to condone a Commander's actions in reference to the above "CODE OF CONDUCT"?

To begin with, the "Skipper" of the Pueblo was a career man and a professional Navy Man — BY HIS OWN CHOICE! He certainly must have been aware of the importance, secrecy, and danger in the mission or task that he was assigned. Why then, did he accept command of this ship, together with the responsibilities that went with it — if he wasn't prepared or imbued with the courage to carry out his mission?

True, the Navy may have been at fault for not having aid, support or assistance ready in his hour of peril — and need but, did he even offer to try and put up a fight? Wasn't his ship equipped with .50 calibre machine guns, and didn't the crew have .45 calibre sub-machine guns and M-1 rifles to fight with? And didn't they have plenty of ammunition for these weapons?

Is this type of performance fair to all our GI's that are fighting and being killed in Viet-Nam? We think not!



50 YEARS AGO

February 14, 1919

J. H. Backus, Publisher

Mrs. Ellen G. Trainor, 78, one of Andover's oldest merchants, died at her home on Main Street, Sunday night, February 9th. Her husband, two daughters and a sister survive. Interment was in St. John's Cemetery.

Miss Alena Gray and A. B. Payne were united in marriage Saturday, February 8th. They will reside in Perry, N. Y.

Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Rogers have moved from the Lydia Benton home to the George Mead property, which they purchased.

Homer Burger of Andover and Miss Betta Gerris of Candor, were united in marriage Jan. 30. They will reside in Candor.

P. J. Dougherty has purchased the O'Leary residence on Chestnut Street and will move his family there March 1st.

Harry S. Boyd has accepted a very lucrative position with the Dole Packing Company of Tonawanda, N. Y. He left Andover Thursday to take up his new work.

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Burgett were guests of her sister, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Holmes of South Hill from Thursday until Friday. Mr. and Mrs. Holmes entertained a group of guests Friday night in honor of Mr. Burgett.

Thursday a new industry started in Andover. The Sugar Bowl has installed a new candy kitchen and machinery for making their own-ice cream.

Ed. Conwell of Bradford is the guest of Mr. and Mrs. P. A. Dean for a few days.

Harland Robinson is attending Farmers Week at Cornell University, Ithaca, this week, and visiting his brother, Lloyd Robinson.

Mrs. W. H. Cochrane of Wayland, has been visiting at the home of her father, Isaac Smith this week.

Miss Radah Scott passed from Saturday until Monday guest of Miss Mary Fink.

Mrs. Nellie Fenner of Hornell, visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Timothy Baker from Saturday until Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. A. R. Brillan are in Andover, called here by the illness and death of her mother, Mrs. Ellen Trainor.

40 YEARS AGO

February 15, 1929

J. H. Backus & Son, Publishers Pearl Edna Ray, 49, died Monday, February 11th. Her husband, her father, a sister and a brother survive. Interment was in Hillside Cemetery.

Mrs. Eugene Probasco, 88, died Monday, February 11th at St. Petersburg, Fla. A son and a sister, Mrs. Addie Coleman, survive. Funeral services were held Friday at the home of her son, Dr. L. G. Probasco of Whitesville with Rev. W. L. Greene of Andover officiating. Burial was in Whitesville.

Mrs. Miss Gordon of Whitesville and Mrs. Clarence Stout of Scio, have purchased the Kate McGinty property and business on North Main Street and opened up a bakery business there Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Carroll Wallace of Independence spent the week-end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. York of Greenwood.

Mrs. C. M. Slade of Independence, started for Summit, N. J., Friday, where she will spend some time with Mr. Cyndall.

Archie Green of Whiteshill, has been visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Orville Green of South Hill from Friday until Monday.

Mrs. Norm Rogers of Whitesville, Mrs. Gertrude Potter and Mrs. Flay Peace of West Greenwood, spent a few days last week with their father, James Wallace, who is in poor health.

Mrs. Ruth Basset of Whitesville, guest of Miss Agnes Richardson.

B. E. Porter and daughter, Mrs. Earl Bassett of Buffalo are visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Richardson this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Lyke and daughters of Hornell passed the week-end at the home of Mr. and Mrs. B. A. Clarke, Mrs. Marie Hamilton, Floyd Clark and Mrs. Edna Bassett of Independence, are attending Farn and Home Week in Ithaca this week.

Mrs. Edna Bassett and son, Charles of Wellsville, were guests of the week-end at the home of Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Orrin.

Charles Hammond passed the week in New York City, guest of his brother and family, Mr. and Mrs. L. G. Hammond.

Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Burdick were in Rochester last week to attend the State Grange meeting and were guests of an aunt, Mrs. Maria Beech and other relatives in the city.

Mrs. Emma Church is at Canisoto, caring for the children of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Bloss, while Mrs. Bloss is a surgical patient in the Bethesda Hospital.



The 1958 session of the State Legislature is about a month and a half away. It is not too late to get some things accomplished.

The House and Senate parties in both houses are now in session. Important business is being done. One of the first bills to be introduced was the deficiency budget.

In political terms, to amend the tax laws and to amend the constitution are the two main items on the agenda for the session.

Conservatives were opposing to put their money where their collective thoughts have been in past months and years.

The subject around which all the talk has been Governor Rockefeller's deficiency budget.

The dictionary defines deficiency as something which is "inadequate, wanting."

Which may be a good description of what happened in the Legislature.

Deficiency budgets are normally used to give the state more money to spend when they have spent more than authorized in a given fiscal year.

For example, last year the Legislature authorized the spending of \$680 million to local governments for welfare and Medicaid. But by last September the money was dry, so the deficiency budget contained an item for \$178 million to pay the localities up to the end of the current fiscal year, March 31.

The issue around which most of the public debate in both houses centered in the budget was a \$100 million item for the state museum and library building for the controversial South Mall state office building complex being built next to the state capitol.

State Comptroller Arthur Levitt, the only Democrat holding a major state office. Levitt's pet criticism is capitol construction spending. When the session began, Democratic leaders in both houses said they were going to "consult" Levitt frequently.

The debate over the deficiency budget shows they are taking their cues from Levitt. They are going to use capital construction as the issue for future political fights with Republicans who control both houses and the governor.

Rockefeller has said in private that what happened in the Assembly was good, because it forced Republican Speaker Perry B. Duryea Jr., of Montank, L. I., to get tough and whip everyone, including Conservatives in line.

Duryea is operating with a thin three-vote margin. It takes 76 votes to pass a bill there. He has 78 Republican and Conservative votes.

Duryea was forced to whip everyone in line because Assembly minority leader Stanley Steingut held his forces in line and refused to let any Democrats vote for the bill. For a time this infuriated Duryea, who then cooled off and put the pressure on his own members, some of whom did not want to vote for the bill.

Conservatives, who have screamed about state spending for years, and who dislike the governor politically buckled and voted for the governor's bill.

To be sure, some items were cut out of Rockefeller's bill, but not much. Duryea and Brydges finally cut \$14 million out of the South Mall building.

over the week-end of Mrs. Esther Bassett of Independence.

Mrs. Dorothy Snyder of New York City, passed the week-end in Andover.

Mrs. Nellie Monaghan and her daughter of Arkport, are passing a few days with her sister, Mrs. Mira Diffin.

Mrs. Grace Wagner returned Sunday from Perry, N. Y., where she was called by the illness of her father, George Stinton.

Miss Anna Yannie of Angelica, spent from Saturday until Monday with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. Yannie.

Miss Roberta Church of the Genesee Normal, passed the week-end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Church.

Mrs. Rena Tennesse of Randolph and son, G. W. Owen of Hornell, spent Saturday and Sunday at the home of their sister and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. Ezra Slocum.

Mrs. George Mickle and children are spending a few weeks with relatives in Troy, N. Y.

Mrs. W. F. O'Connell and daughter, Miss Gertrude, have been in Hornell this week, called there by the death of Mrs. O'Connell's aunt, Mrs. Fred Ramsey.

G. W. Barrett returned Monday from Newark, N. J., where he attended a scientific breeding school over the week-end with

Miss Ruth Slocum M.N., of the Buffalo General Hospital, spent Friday and Saturday with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Slocum.

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