

MEMORIAL DAY — 1969

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.

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 Friday, 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.

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 1969. Some came of families long established in America; many others were new to the land and its promise.

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 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 16, 1919

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Mr. and Mrs. Owen Duffy of Elm Valley have received word from France of a citation for bravery received by their son, Private Owen F. Duffy, Company K, 325th Infantry. Pvt. Duffy is still in France.

Word has been received by Andover relatives announcing the marriage in Washington, D. C. of Miss Ruth Williams to John Williams.

Fred Stebbins of Hornell, has purchased the residence of Mrs. Abbie J. Nichols on Rochambeau Ave. and he will move to Andover in the near future.

John Nobles has the material to begin work on his new residence on Greenwood Street at once.

At the school meeting held in Independence Tuesday evening, John Lewis was elected Trustee and F. C. Clarke, Collector.

Miss Sylvia Reed of Hornell, has been spending a week with Mrs. W. E. Greene of Independence.

Joe Baker has reopened his store in Elm Valley and has put in a nice line of groceries.

A transfer of real estate has taken place on South Hill. Peter Lynch has purchased the John McGrath farm.

Olin Pingrey went to Elmira Thursday expecting to resume his work in that city.

George Alvoid was the guest of his son Henry Alvoid and family at Bradford, Pa., over the weekend.

Miss Grace Cheesman was home from Alfred to pass the week-end with her father, Mayor J. D. Cheesman.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Brainard of Hornell were week-end guests at the home of his mother, Mrs. Sarah Brainard.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Bennett were called to Andover Tuesday by the illness of their daughter, Mrs. Floyd Scott.

Mr. and Mrs. Ezra Slocum were visiting at the home of their son, Jesse Slocum of Wellsville Saturday and Sunday.

John Casey was home from Danville, where he is employed at tool-dressing on a well for a week. He returned Sunday.

Mrs. Ray Church and children of Voorhees Hill, passed last week at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Grant Sherwood.

Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Foster of Friendship visited Andover friends last week.

Harry Joyce who is working at Edgemore, Del., was home for a few days this week with his family.

40 YEARS AGO

May 17, 1929

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Mr. and Mrs. Leo Hunt are the parents of a daughter, born Tuesday, May 14th.

Seventy-five thousand pounds of maple syrup was shipped this spring from Whitesville, by the Cary Maple Syrup Co. of Vermont.

A farewell party was given in honor of Tim Padden at his home on Church Street Friday evening. Mr. Padden will leave soon for his new position with the Western Union at Newark, N. J.

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Witter are the parents of a daughter born Monday, May 13th.

Two large Trout were caught this week in Dyke Creek Tuesday and Wednesday by Harold Howland and Otto Simms. The one Howland landed weighed four pounds and the one caught by Simms tipped the scales at five pounds.

A son, Robert Earl was born to Mr. and Mrs. Earl Lyke of Hornell this week. Mrs. Lyke was the former Ethelyn Orris of Andover.

Miss Anna O'Leary of Andover was the guest of her sister, Mrs. M. Dean of South Hill Thursday and Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. M. A. Crandall of Andover were guests over the week-end at the home of Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Spicer of Independence.

Mrs. Laura Heibert of Almond spent the week-end at the home of her brother, Floyd Slocum of



by Alan Rankin

The "orderly close" program had an embarrassing aftermath the other day.

Perry B. Duryea, speaker of the state assembly predicted he was going to bring the session to an end in an orderly fashion this year — no midnight session, no lost bills, no confusion. His aides stressed this in conversations with reporters.

And during the last minutes of the session an assemblyman after assemblyman got up to say what an orderly close it had been. A few minutes later Duryea smashed down the gavel for the last time and everyone went home satisfied.

A few days later there was some red, embarrassed face.

The assembly failed to pass a bill appropriating \$100 million to pay for the state's hard-working assemblymen. The bill would have authorized the payment of \$100 million and interest for highway construction, pure water grants, outdoor recreation development and social hygiene facilities.

Fortunately there is an emergency provision in the state constitution — which hasn't been used since 1859 — allows the bills to be paid until the Legislature can meet again and pay the bills.

The "inadvertent error," of course, has no real bearing on the way Duryea ran the Assembly during his first year as Speaker. Instead it is a reminder of the pitfalls of state politics. The fact is that the session was marked by disarray and confusion, no matter what the cause.

Statewide voters will have the opportunity to pull the "yes" or

"no" lever on four state constitutional amendments when they go to the polls in November.

The amendments were passed according to law, in both years of the Legislature this year and last year — which puts them automatically on the ballot. They are:

1. A proposal to increase the borrowing power of the state to \$100 million. JDA makes loans to non-profit community organizations to expand industrial activity and jobs. The amendments were narrowly defeated at the polls in 1967.

2. A proposal to allow aliens to be counted in census figures to determine the reapportionment of state representatives. Representatives claim all political rights and should save the state money.

3. A proposal to allow state and local governments to put their leading non-profit groups building or improving hospitals and nurseries homes.

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Monday evening. Mr. and Mrs. Frank Slocum of Shesgo, were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Slocum of Davis Hill Sunday and Monday.

George Meade of Wellsville was a guest of Mr. and Mrs. Victor Hoagland Thursday and Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Erwin D. Baker are spending the week guests at the home of her brother, Mr. and Mrs. Carroll Tucker of Rochester.

Clay Jordan of St. Louis, Mo., is spending a few days in Andover. Mr. and Mrs. Bowman Davis and family and Mr. and Mrs. Leon Cook were overnight guests Saturday at the home of Mrs. Cook's sister, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Green at Perry.

Mrs. Arling Baker, Mrs. Richard Harder and Mrs. Raymond Snyder went to New York City Tuesday for the remainder of the week. Mrs. Rose B. Vincent will accompany them home.

Mrs. I. D. Tillman of Norwich, N. Y., visited at the home of Mr. and Mrs. E. P. Stearns and Mrs. Hattie B. Eggleston Wednesday and Thursday. Mrs. Tillman will be remembered by many Andover friends as Miss Roxa Hann.

Kenneth and Lois Blackman of Hinsdale, are staying with their grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Nobles of Shovel Hollow, while their mother is attending the Rebekah Assembly at Jamestown this week.

Mrs. Margaret Cable of Wellsville and Elbert Cable of Buffalo visited Andover relatives and friends Friday and Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Louis Waters and family of Greenwood, spent Sunday with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Clarke of Independence.

Mrs. Newell Stephens returned to her home in Slate Creek after visiting relatives in Hornell for several days.

Mr. and Mrs. George Sackatt and family are enjoying a two weeks vacation at Lake Cayuga.

Mrs. E. H. Higby is attending the sessions of the Rebekah State Assembly being held in Jamestown this week.

Miss Anna Yarnall of Angier, passed the week-end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. Tammie.

Davis Hill. Mrs. Charles Clarke of Hartsville has been a guest of Mr. and Mrs. LeRoy Davis of Davis Hill for a few days.

School meeting was held in the district schools Tuesday. District No. 7, John Swarts was elected Trustee again. Edward Clancy was elected in place of Mrs. John Mitchell in Shovel Hollow School. In Lane School, Clarence Wittie was elected in place of Charles Scott.

Mrs. Charles Howland and daughter, Kathleen, left Monday on a month's trip and visit with relatives in Texas, Oklahoma and Kansas.

Mrs. Earl Bassett of Buffalo is visiting her sister, Mrs. E. A. Richardson and family this week.

Mrs. Bessie Kaufman and Miss Zadie Smith were visiting Mrs. Kaufman's daughter and husband in Buffalo from Tuesday until Thursday.

Mrs. Ellen Casey was in Buffalo the first of the week attending the graduation exercises at the General Hospital School of Nursing Tuesday, where her daughter, Miss Rose Ellen Casey was a member of the class.

Mrs. Clara M. Crandall has returned to Andover after a month's visit with Mrs. Ruby C. Candall of Elmira.

30 YEARS AGO

May 19, 1939

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Albert L. Trowbridge, 80, of Greenwood, brother of L. M. Trowbridge of Andover, died Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Voss have moved from Elm Valley into the Mrs. Margaret Cable house on Rochambeau Ave.

Miss Ethel Haynes has accepted a position in the new centralized school in Friendship.

Director and Mrs. S. W. Clarke of Independence are attending a Directors Meeting of the Dairy-men's League in Washington, D. C. this week. Mr. and Mrs. Clarke also entertained 60 associate directors of the Dairy-men's League