

VETERANS DAY — 1969

An Editorial

Veterans Day, 1969, is an occasion to salute all 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 Tuesday 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 1969 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!



50 YEARS AGO

October 24, 1919

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Mrs. Mary Howland Courtney, 48, died Friday, October 17th: Her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Martin Howland, two daughters, a son, two sisters and a brother survive. Interment was in Hillside Cemetery.

Mrs. Marie Pathenia Corwin, 70 died at her home on West Center Street, Sunday, October 19th. A son, a daughter, a sister and two brothers survive. Interment was in Hillside Cemetery.

Rev. and Mrs. Charles Collins were guests at a surprise farewell party Monday evening by friends and neighbors.

Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Christ are parents of a daughter, born Wednesday, October 22.

John Shine of Wellsville is visiting at the home of his sister, Mrs. Frank Dean this week.

Miss Nellie Walsh who has been attending the Ithaca Conservatory of Music, spent Saturday guest of her mother, Mrs. Ellen Walsh.

Miss Esther Northrup was summoned to Corning Sunday by the death of her sister, Miss Harriet Northrup.

Leo Snyder was home over the week-end from Elmira, guest of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Snyder.

Rev. Chas. Collins and family left Andover Thursday for their new home at Franklinville, N. Y.

Mr. and Mrs. John Dolan of Soneya, N. Y., are visiting her father, William Correy and other Andover relatives this week.

Mrs. Oliver Balmer of Gillette, Pa., and Mrs. Fern Smith of Elmira, were guests of their sister and cousin, Mrs. Alice Yeisley the first of the week.

Frank O'Leary of Sugar Grove, Ohio, is visiting at the homes of his aunts, Mrs. P. J. Dougherty and Mrs. James Guinn. Mr. O'Leary returned a short time ago from service in France.

Ames L. Rogers, son, Hildred and sister, Mrs. O. G. Whitcomb of Belfast, returned home Friday from a motor trip to Ithaca, Newfield and Spencer, N. Y.

Mrs. Valencia Slocum and Mrs. R. B. Burrows attended the County Federation of Woman's Clubs at Almond, Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Moody and Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Ackley of Network Valley, were guests of Mr. and Mrs. W. N. Rice Saturday and Sunday.

Miss Nora McAndrew has resumed her work on Pingrey Hill and Miss Mayne Dean has returned to Tonawanda after a three weeks potato digging vacation.

40 YEARS AGO

November 1, 1929

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The William C. Cannon Scholarship founded in 1924, for Andover High School boys and girls has been awarded to Miss Rose Dawson for the school year 1929-30.

Mrs. Nancy Bartlett of Olean presented \$150,000 to Alfred University Monday evening for a men's dormitory to be known as the Frank L. Bartlett Memorial Dormitory.

E. W. Jackson is moving from West Union into the Borden Service Station of which he assumes the management.

Mrs. LeRoy Davis and Mr. and Mrs. James Gibson visited Mr. and Mrs. Ed Briggs of Himrods over the week-end.

Mr. and Mrs. Matt Halsey of Pingrey Hill are visiting Mr. and Mrs. Frank Halsey of South Hill this week.

John Williams has rented the farm of Mrs. P. E. Stephens in West Greenwood and will move the first of the month.

L. E. Jordan left Wednesday for a two weeks business visit at Rock Springs, Wyoming.

Henry Bennett is visiting his daughter and family, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Bennett of Olean this week.

Olin Pingrey is in Almond this week working in the barber shop during the vacation of the owner. Mr. and Mrs. Charles S. Magee



by Alex Rankin

Republican state legislative leaders ran another flag up the pole a few days ago.

The letters on this one spell "State Legislative Reapportionment."

Democrats, who are a tattered minority in the state Senate and a strong minority in the state Assembly, not only are not going to salute this flag, they are going to try climbing the pole to tear it down.

Republicans? Well, it depends on where they live. Republican assemblymen living in "safe" districts surrounded by other "safe" Republican districts will be happy. Others will probably grumble.

If the flag stays up on the pole, that is.

Senate Majority Leader Earl W. Brydges of Niagara Falls and Assembly Speaker Perry B. Duryea Jr., have let it be known that they are thinking about going into court and asking permission to redraw state legislative district lines at the same time they redraw U.S. congressional district lines.

Already members of this committee had said that every congressional district in the state would be changed.

Why reapportion state Legislative seats now?

All state legislators are up for re-election next year.

If only three Republican assemblymen were to lose their jobs to Democrats next year, Duryea

would go back to his old job as minority leader.

And, perhaps more importantly for the future as far as Brydges and Governor Rockefeller are concerned, if Democrats controlled one house they would have an equal voice on the Joint Legislative Committee that redraws state legislative lines in 1972.

Just a short note here for a good friend, Bob Balme.

Balme has "sold out" as reporters who watch high-paid public relations men with not a little envy, like to say.

He is laughing all the way to the bank, of course.

Balme quit last week as the Albany correspondent for the Buffalo Evening News to become public information director for the Republican State Committee.

Balme was one of the better reporters in the state Capitol. He was, in short, what all really good reporters are — objective and a hard digger.

He also knew the difference between facts and self-serving triviality, of which there is all too much of the latter in Albany.

In his new job he will still know the difference, but it won't be easy to get him to say it for the record — which in turn is the mark of a good public relations man.

He probably did it for the money, a sad commentary on journalism.

of Dunkirk were from Saturday until Monday guests at the home of Mrs. LaRue Crandall and called on other Andover friends.

Mrs. Letta Coats of Whitesville is a guest this week of Supervisor and Mrs. E. S. Potter.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Stephens are passing the week with Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Borden at Rochester.

Miss Kathryn Doran was up from Canisteo to pass the week-end with her sisters.

Mrs. Ella Stearns of Port Allegany was a week-end guest of Mr. and Mrs. E. F. Stearns.

Mrs. James Thompson of Hornell is passing the week with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Kaple.

Mr. and Mrs. Byron Poper motored to Buffalo where they are guests this week of their daughter and husband, Mr. and Mrs. Walter King.

Edson Langworthy was called to Buffalo this week by the death of his uncle, Edwin Langworthy. Burial services were held Wednesday at Alfred.

Mrs. Reva Thompson of Greenwood and Mrs. Ila Clarke of Andover were week-end guests of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Bloss and family of Penn Yan.

30 YEARS AGO

October 20, 1939

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Arrangements have been made and stock is being put on the shelves for a new I.G.A. Store in the Vars block corner of Main and Greenwood Sts. Francis Vickers and Lawrence Padden will be in charge of the new store.

Mr. and Mrs. Douglas Whiting are parents of a son, Charles Cowles, born Thursday, Oct. 12.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Freeland are parents of a daughter, born Friday, October 13th.

Frank Macauley, 81, died at his home on Elm Street, Friday, October 13th. Three nieces and one cousin survive. Interment was in Hillside Cemetery.

The Quarterly Meeting of Allegany County Rural Letter Carrier Association was held in the Andover I.O.O.F. Hall Monday with a 7:30 banquet. Robert Church of Andover, was chairman of the arrangements and introduced the Andover Postoffice employees Mrs. J. D. Cheesman and Mrs. J. D. Dolan and Mrs. Horton. Postmaster J. D. Cheesman was unable to attend.

Dr. Robert Common has pur-

chased the house owned by the late Miss Alice Clarke on Church St.

The body of Mrs. Maggie Donnelly, who died at Bradford, Pa., was brought to Andover Tuesday and interment was in Hillside Cemetery.

A group of relatives gave Mrs. Bealy Hollowell a surprise party Thursday October 12th in honor of her 82nd birthday.

Mr. and Mrs. Wallace Clarke of Syracuse were guests from Thursday until Sunday of Mr. and Mrs. S. W. Clarke of Independence.

Miss Edna Joyce of Independence in company with her aunt, Mrs. Harry Joyce of Andover, visited friends in New York City and attended the World's Fair the past week.

Mrs. M. Raufenbarth is passing two weeks in Elmira at the home of her daughter, Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Longwell and family.

Postmaster and Mrs. James D. Cheesman and Mrs. Gail Reynolds left Monday for Augusta, N. J., where they are visiting at the home of Mr. Cheesman's daughter, Mr. and Mrs. N. C. Searles and family.

Mrs. Ruth Cole of Steamboat Springs, Colo., is visiting her brother, Grant Stevens this week.

Mrs. R. L. Hoard of Rochester is visiting at the home of her brother, Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Hoard.

Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Buchwald and John Dean of Buffalo were guests over the week-end of Mr. and Mrs. Avery Mead. Mr. Dean remained for the week.

Mrs. Lee Marvel and daughter, Anne, spent last week with her sister, Mrs. Franklin West at Eldred, Pa.

Vera Jean Krusen of Greenwood passed a couple of days last week with her cousin, Doris Atwell of Elm Valley. Miss Atwell returned with her Sunday for a visit.

Miss Dorothea Snyder of New York City was a week-end guest at the Folsing home.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Davis are spending a few days at Dundee with Mr. and Mrs. James Gibson.

Mrs. Ida Brewster returned this week from a summer at Austinburg, West Danby, Ronulus and other places with relatives.

Trout produced by the State Conservation Department were planted when they were at least eight inches long.

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