

AMERICAN LEGION ANNIVERSARY — 1971

An Editorial



Fifty-two years ago, a small group of war-weary servicemen representing the various outfits of the American Expeditionary Force met in Paris, France, and brought forth a magnificent idea. These delegates — still in the uniform of their country and thousands of miles from home — brought to that assembly in Paris the raw materials with which to build a civilian organization of war veterans dedicated to God and Country.

They recognized the need for a fraternity of service which should have as its purpose the preservation and perpetuation of the lofty principles of Justice, Freedom and Democracy.

And their "big idea" became The American Legion.

In the succeeding 52 years, three generations of war veterans have been united under the banner of The American Legion. While they are proud of having met the highest obligation of citizenship — service in the uniform of their Country in time of war — American Legionnaires also realize that the responsibilities of citizenship do not end when the military uniform has been exchanged for civilian apparel.

As a fraternity of service which has as one of its basic purposes "to inculcate a sense of individual obligation to community, state and nation," The American Legion has become a pacesetter to the nation in the expression of patriotic thought and deed. Of great concern to the Legion today is the possibility that leaders of the godless communist doctrine shall mistake demonstrations and expressions by a handful of dissidents as an indication of weakness on the part of our nation.

A staunch advocate of our nation's policy to defend the cause of freedom against the threat of forces seeding world domination, The American Legion has stepped to the forefront in the upsurge of patriotic expression which has swept the country in recent months. In so doing, the Legion has helped not only to reawaken a spirit of national responsibility but also to affirm in the eyes of a doubtful world the depth of our nation's purpose.

On this 52nd Anniversary of The American Legion, we salute the "big idea" of this gigantic fraternity of service. May the millions of Legionnaires throughout the nation continue to succeed in their endeavors dedicated to God and Country — and, ultimately, a better world.

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50 YEARS AGO

March 11, 1921

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After nearly ten years of service in Andover as Pastor of the Andover Presbyterian Church, Rev. H. B. Williams closed his work in this community Sunday evening, February 27th. Thursday evening over 40 people of the community joined in a farewell service at the Presbyterian Church.

Twenty-five ladies met at the home of Mrs. Agnes Robinson Wednesday, March 2nd and organized a Local Home Bureau Association. Miss Woods, County Home Bureau Manager, was present.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Yocmans are parents of a daughter, born Wednesday. Mr. and Mrs. Yocmans have recently moved to the Hardy Farm.

Thomas Swain has sold his farm North of the Village to Print Coats.

Miss Margaret Grossman of Independence, spent the week-end with Mrs. Loretta Grim at Whitesville.

Mrs. Ophelia Comstock of Andover is visiting her daughter, Mrs. Linford Potter of Independence for a few days.

Mrs. O. P. Hartgrove and son, Francis of Hornell, spent the week-end with Mrs. Mary Clarke.

Harry Dreas of Rexbury, Wyoming, is a guest at the home of Mr. and Mrs. John Karcanes.

Mrs. William Woodworth and little daughter of Avon are guests of her sister, Mrs. James Martin of Rochambeau Ave.

Ames Rogers was on Greenwood Hill Wednesday to attend a meeting of the patrons of the Dryden-Ridge Cheese Factory.

Mrs. J. N. Brundage and Mrs. James Coffey of West Orange, New Jersey, visit their cousins, Mr. and Mrs. P. M. Swink from Wednesday until Sunday.

Mrs. Harold Myers from Chicago arrived in Andover Wednesday for two weeks visit with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Gill, Sr.

40 YEARS AGO

March 6, 1931

J. H. Backus & Son, Publishers

P. M. Swink, 69, died Saturday, February 26th. His wife and a sister survive. Interment was in Valley Brook Cemetery, Andover.

Andover Rebekah Lodge entertained District Deputy President, Mrs. Laura Witter and her Staff Wednesday evening at the regular meeting of the Lodge.

A committee from Andover Fire Department came into Andover last Thursday evening, February 26th driving the Department's new La-France Foamite Pumper.

Rev. Frank H. Bisbee was officially installed as pastor of the Andover Presbyterian Church Tuesday evening.

Robert Flynn has purchased of J. M. Hartum his farm on West Greenwood Hill.

Elmer Coats has made a few gallons of nice maple syrup in the Mrs. Pearl Davis sugar bush, this season.

Mrs. Mildred Crandall and Philip of Independence are visiting her brothers in Cleveland, Ohio for a couple of weeks.

Sixty neighbors of Mrs. M. W. Ghostley of Independence, gave her a surprise Saturday evening at the O'Dell Brothers home. Mrs. Ghostley is moving to Whitesville to make her home with her sister, Mrs. Roxie Bennett.

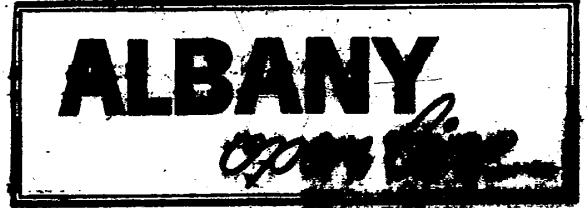
Mrs. Effie Weaver of Buffalo was visiting her sister, Mrs. E. F. Joyce on Greenwood Street a few days this week.

Mrs. Ella Millsbaugh of Whitesville, is spending a few days with her son and family, Mr. and Mrs. Lee Millsbaugh.

Mrs. Charles Robinson was a guest of her son, Professor and Mrs. George Robinson and family of Alfred, over the week-end.

W. E. Baker, Edward Baker, Brinton Baker and A. R. Baker escorted to Roulotte, Pa., Sunday to attend the funeral of a cousin, Eugene Baker.

Mrs. Elizabeth Bess of Danaville attended the funeral of her brother



by Alex ...

The state Legislature is in its annual dolefuls these days. The Senators and Assemblymen put in three days a week in the capitol, debating and passing or rejecting minor bills while the heavy business of compromise and wheeling and dealing goes on in the background.

Legislators find more and more of their time taken up wondering what to do about Governor Rockefeller's record \$8.4 billion budget and its record \$1.1 billion in tax hikes, while looking over their shoulders at the taxpayers back home.

They face a dilemma. Flooded with angry letters and phone calls from voters back home demanding that there be no tax hikes this year and that the legislators cut back state spending to reflect that request.

The movement has finally gotten to the point where the news wire services are finally calling it a budget revolt across the state.

Legislators wonder about its depth. They are trying to gauge it. Will it last until November 1972, they ask.

That is because the current wisdom in the capitol is that the two fiscal committees of the legislature are not going to recommend a complete wipe-out of the \$1.1 billion tax hikes the governor wants.

The seat-of-the-pants intuition is that the Legislature will pass a budget with about \$800 million in tax hikes.

The big question for the legislators — their political lives depend on the answer — is whether the voters and taxpayers will go

P. M. Swink Monday and visited at the home of Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Richardson.

Mrs. William Sheldon of Alfred, spent Tuesday and Wednesday guest of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Stevens of Water Street.

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Stewart of Betula, Pa., were visiting at the home of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Mulconery over the week-end.

30 YEARS AGO

March 6, 1941

Claire C. Backus, Publisher

Mrs. Alice A. Livermore, 88, died Monday, March 3rd at her home on South Hill. Two sons and four daughters survive. Interment was in Fulmer Valley Cemetery.

Louis Fulkerson, who has been attending the N. Y. A. Center at Quody, Maine, has accepted a job with the Bell Aircraft Corporation at Buffalo and is now employed in that city.

Miss Ella Adelaide Baker of Andover and William Lewis Grossman of Rochester, were united in marriage Saturday, March 1st at Victor, New York by the Rev. R. E. Bronsfield, Pastor of the Andover Presbyterian Church.

Orville Green of Davis Hill is visiting Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Amesbury at Richburg for a few days.

William Bell moved his family and household goods from Independence to Buffalo, Friday.

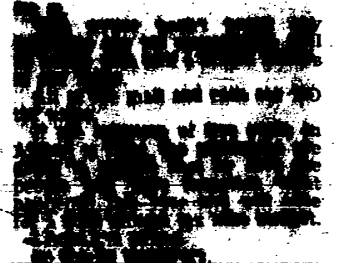
Miss Barbara Bassett of Niagara Falls, spent the week-end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. M. A. Bassett of Independence.

Wallace Clarke of Solvay spent from Friday to Sunday with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. S. W. Clarke of Independence.

Ben Updyke of Independence is visiting in Andover and Hornell for a few days.

Mr. and Mrs. Miles Kenyon and Mrs. Roy Shutt and children of Whitesville, Mr. and Mrs. Earle Greene and Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Spicer gave William Spicer a surprise visit Friday evening in honor of his birthday.

Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Clarke entertained Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Clarke and Mr. and Mrs. Cleon Clarke at a dinner party Thursday



The Senate leadership has come up with a bill, now under study, that would take some of the sting out of opposition to more state aid to catholic schools in the state.

The more rational opponents have rightly said that if state money is going to private schools, then the books of those schools ought to be open to public scrutiny.

The bill would call for detailed fiscal information to be filed with the State Board of Regents, such items as the worth of catholic schools, the amount of their mortgages, their faculty and how much they are paid what they teach specifically and income information about the parents of children who go to such schools.

The point is that public school officials have to show, in detail, that they are spending public money wisely. If they are not, they can be voted out.

The same ought to apply to Catholic schools.

The bill would give state aid to private schools in the form of salaries to instructors who teach secular subjects. So far no specific amount has been set.

in honor of the wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Clarke.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Green, Mr. and Mrs. Benj. Green and Miss Belinda Green of Perry, were overnight guests Saturday at the home of their brother and uncle, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Green.

Alfred Veh of Jasper was a guest over the week-end of Mr. and Mrs. Douglas Whiting.

Mrs. Mary Sherwood of Almond spent Thursday night with her brother and family, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Green.

Charles Stearns of Duke Center is visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. E. F. Stearns this week.

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

Mrs. Bessie Horton was called to Harrison Valley last week by the death of her father, T. J. Kibbe.

Allegheny County Professional Advisory Committee Meets

The Allegheny County Professional Advisory Committee met February 24, 1971 at 7:30 p. m. This Committee was formed for the purpose of giving professional assistance to the administrative personnel of the Allegheny County Public Health Nursing Service.

Legislator Lee R. Ryan (D-District V), Chairman, advised that the Committee received reports from Mrs. Margaret D. Connelly, District Supervising Nurse from the New York State Department of Health concerning the certification of the Public Health Nursing Service for Medicare and New York State licensure for a period of two (2) years. Also, Miss Josephine Pedulla, Director of Nurses from New York State Department of Health presented proposed Agency Rules for review by the Committee. The Committee also discussed the problem of immunizing pre-school children and the recent survey compiled by Legislator Lee R. Ryan concerning a health related facility. Future agendas were planned and the second meeting for 1971 was scheduled for May.

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