

FLY THE FLAG

Guest Editorial

Hello, remember me? Some people call me Old Glory; others call me Stars and Stripes; and I have been referred to as the Star Spangled Banner. But whatever they call me, I am your Flag or as I proudly state, the Flag of the United States of America.

There is something that has been bothering me, so I thought I might talk it over with you.

I remember sometime ago — on a Memorial Day — people were lined up on both sides of the street to watch the parade. The town's high school band was behind me and naturally, I was leading the parade. When your Dad saw me coming along, waving in the breeze, he immediately removed his hat and placed it against his left shoulder so that his hand was directly over his heart.

And you — I remember you. Standing there as straight as a soldier, you didn't have any hat but you were giving the right salute. They taught you in school to place your right hand over your heart. I remember little sister — who was not to be outdone. She was saluting the same way as you.

I was very proud as I came down your street. There were some soldiers home on leave and they were standing at attention giving the military salute. Ladies, as well as men, all paying me the reverence that I deserve.

Now I may sound as if I am a little conceited. Well, I am. I have to be, because I represent the finest country in the world, the United States of America. More than one aggressive nation has tried to haul me down but they all felt the fury of this freedom-loving country. You had to go overseas and defend me.

What happened? I'm still the same old Flag. Oh, I have a couple more stars added since you were a boy. A lot of blood has been shed since that Memorial Day so long ago. Dad is gone now. The old town has a new look. The last time I came down your street I saw that the old landmarks were gone, but in their places, shining majestically in the sun, were a number of new buildings and homes. Yes sir, the old town sure has changed. But now I don't feel so proud as I used to. When I came down your street, you just stand there with your hands in your pockets and give me a small glance and then look the other way. When I think of all the places I have been, Omaha Beach, Anzio, Guadalcanal, Korea — and now Vietnam. Then I see the children running around shouting. They don't seem to know who I am. I saw one man take off his hat and then look around. He didn't see anybody else with his off so he quickly put his back on.

Is it a sin to be patriotic anymore? Have you forgotten what I stand for? Have you forgotten all the battlefields where men fought and died to keep this nation FREE? When you salute me, you are actually saluting them. Take a look at the Memorial Honor Roll sometime; look at the names of those who never came back. Some of them were friends or relatives of yours. You probably went to school with some of them; that's what you're saluting, not me.

Well, it won't be long until I'll be coming down your street again. So when you see me, stand straight, place your hand over your heart and you'll really see me, waving back — my salute to you. And I'll know that you'll remember!

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by Alex Rasmussen

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Forness of Salamanca, formerly residents of South Hill, are parents of a daughter born last week.

Mrs. Nora Bondick and Elizabeth of Alfred, were week-end guests of Mrs. E. R. Crandall of Independence.

Messrs. M. A. Crandall, E. R. Crandall, Rev. W. L. Greene, Miss Anna Laura Crandall and Mrs. R. E. Spicer of Independence, motored to Bradford Thursday to attend the funeral of Mrs. F. R. Schoonmaker.

Mrs. Nellie Baker of Perry was the guest of her father, Timothy Baker, who is critically ill, over the week-end.

Mrs. William Clark of Andover was the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Clark of Whitesville, over the week-end.

Theodore Hofer of Nile visited in Andover from Thursday of last week until Sunday. Mr. Hofer lived in Andover for many years, and has many friends who were pleased to see him again.

Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Oaks of Argentine, S. A., and family, arrived in New York this week on a four months leave of absence and will visit relatives and friends in the vicinity.

Miss Nell Bess died at the family home on Bess Hill last Monday. Two nieces and a sister-in-law survive. Burial was in Hillside Cemetery, Thursday.

Kenneth Perry, 20, was accidentally killed by the railroad Thursday night while serving in the regular Army at Camp Jackson, Columbia, S. C. The body was brought to the home of his brother, Harold Perry Monday. A brother, a sister and an uncle survive. Burial was in Hillside Cemetery, Tuesday.

40 YEARS AGO

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Mr. and Mrs. J. Bunt have moved from Allentown to their home on Barney Street.

Mrs. Eugene Hurd has sold her bakery on Main Street to Mrs. Pearl Meskit, who will assume possession at once.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard M. Clarke of Rochester, are spending a few days with his father, H. M. Clarke of Independence.

Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Slocum and Kathleen accompanied Mr. and Mrs. Victor Hoagland of South Hill to Smethport to visit Mrs. Hoagland's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ladley, Sunday. Mrs. Hoagland remained for a week's visit.

Mrs. Pearl Davis is a guest of her aunt, Mrs. L. E. Davis for a few days.

Mrs. Frank Ryan and son of Allegany spent the week-end with her mother, Mrs. Mary Mutschy.

Mrs. John Cannon and daughter visited friends in Mt. Jewett last week, returning home Saturday.

Misses Evelyn and Velma Edwards of Whitesville, were spending some time with Mr. and Mrs. Charles Church.

Miss Irene Dougherty spent the last of the week with her sister and family, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Griswold at Hornell.

Mr. and Mrs. Elwin Livermore returned Friday from two days visit at the home of their daughter Mrs. Allen Corwin and family of Wellsville.



by Alex Rasmussen

The New York State Legislature is trying to put the city council on the hot seat, demanding the removal of some rule message and saying that just what part of the Lindsay package they would be willing to accept.

Last year the Legislature got burned by the city council. The council asked for, and got, the power to tax the city. But then the council turned around and refused to enact the tax and said, "see, we saved you citizens from a nasty tax voted by those up-staters who run the state legislature."

The facts are that, aside from a flood of bills that pertain to a specific locality in the state, the only major action taken by the legislature so far has been to pass a state budget, a drastically reduced

higher courts, who hope it will be over while state government is on. Payroll are met and bills paid. A lot of people have tried to topple Rockefeller. Now it is the court's turn.

Aside from their size, the budgets are meaningless, because they are lump sum appropriations. A department gets a lump sum of, say \$10 million, and when you get right down to it, the governor's budget director is the one with the final authority as to just how that money will be spent.

No one elected the budget director. He is appointed by the governor. All the Legislature did was approve a lump sum. The proponents of the lawsuit, the Civil Service Employees Association, are trying to prevent the governor from firing 8,000 state employees. In doing that they argue that the governor's budget is unconstitutional, because it is a lump sum budget, not a line item budget.

James McDonough was in New York City from Saturday until Tuesday.

Dr. J. Robert Common is attending Masonic Grand Lodge in New York City this week as representative from the Andover Lodge.

Mrs. Lynn Drake of Bath is passing a few days with her daughter, Mrs. Douglas Whiting.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Trowbridge and son, Kent of Coshocton, Ohio, are passing the week with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Lynn Trowbridge.

Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Burns and daughter, Dorothea of Toledo, Ohio, were visitors at the Folding home Wednesday. Miss Dorothea will remain in Andover during the month of May while Mr. and Mrs. Burns are on a business trip thru the Southern States.

Miss Margaret Helen Dwyer of Buffalo, visited the week-end with her family, Mr. and Mrs. James Lynch.

Mrs. Grace Mowbray and daughter, Ann returned Sunday from a visit to the home of her sister, Mr. and Mrs. Francis West.

Right Worthy Vera McGough District Deputy Grand Master of Districts and Right Worthy Melvin Magall, District Deputy Grand Lecturer of Bolivar, made their Official Visit to Andover, Chapter No. 442, Order of Eastern Star, Monday evening.

Sara Hunt, who died at her home in Andover Saturday, left a sister and two brothers survive. Interment was in Hillside Cemetery.

Miss Grace Fisher and friends in Galeson, Pa., over the week-end. Mrs. Sarah White, of Whitesville is passing the week at the home of her daughter, Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Connor.

Mrs. C. W. Connor is passing a few days at the home of her daughter, Mr. and Mrs. William Keller.

Mrs. Sophia Slocum was passing the winter at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Slocum of South Hill.

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