

MEMORIAL DAY — 1971

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 G.A.R., General John A. Logan, as General Orders No. 11, established the observance of Memorial Day.

On Monday, May 31, 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 1971.

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 of 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.

Much time, thought, planning and co-operation is put into local Memorial Services by the different participating units. The American Legion and Auxiliary, the Woman's Relief Corps, the Central Schools, 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?



50 YEARS AGO

Miss Belle Hill returned to Andover after a visit with relatives in Marion, Pa. ... Mrs. E. Gallagher and daughter Miss Ella returned home Sunday after spending the week in Buffalo.

40 YEARS AGO

May 15, 1931 J. H. Backus & Son, Publishers Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Sweet of Wellsville observed their golden wedding anniversary May 14th.

30 YEARS AGO

May 15, 1941 Claire C. Backus, Publisher, J. N. Wentworth, director of the Andover Octagon League baseball team was selected president of the Octagon Baseball League at a meeting of the directors held in Friendship last Sunday.



During the debate on Battista's bill a strange thing happened. Conservative Republicans got up and supported Lisa. Underneath this was the fact that had Battista's bill passed, Lisa probably would have been beaten in his next election.

ALBANY (Continued) ... The bill was defeated. ... There was dead silence on the Republican side of the aisle.

week-end with her mother, Mrs. Frank Lorrow in Canisteo. ... Mrs. Ernest Higby and Mrs. J. Earl Burgett are passing the week in Addison, Pa., guests of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Forman.

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Mrs. Carrie Loughlen returned home Sunday after passing the week-end with her daughter, Mrs. E. A. Guttinger of Horsell. James Nobles is spending the week in Athens.

Mrs. William Spicer, Betty and Joyce of Independence, passed the week-end with her mother, Mrs. Pearl Ryckman.

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