

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR



June 1, 1971

Letter to the Editor:

Now that Memorial Day is past, I wonder how many people in Andover are aware of the fact that the flags on the graves don't just grow there. For the past 27 years I have firsthand knowledge of the job of placing the flags on the veterans' graves.

The American Legion furnishes the flags and there have been just 3 volunteers to place them on the graves since the Memorial Day rite was established. Civil War veteran, T. N. Boyd, started it. In 1920 he turned the register over to World War I veteran Clair Backus. In 1944, the book was passed on to World War II veteran, Francis Cable.

There are 168 veterans buried in 11 cemeteries in the township of Andover: Hillside, 80; Valley Brook 34; Fulmer Valley, 8; Gate of Heaven, 24; St. John's, 10; Elm Valley, 2; Edy (East Valley), 3; Baker, 2; Hardy, 1; Boyd, 1; Davis Hill 2 and Cole, 1.

Just as the first volunteer furnished his time and the hay to feed the horse he drove to visit the cemeteries, so did the next two furnish their time, car and gas and in our case the help of the entire family. They go through cow pastures, under barbed wire fences and have to pay an occasional tractor operator to haul the car out of the mud.

For the most part, the only acknowledgement of the job is if someone thinks we missed a grave or put the flags out too early or too late. The job is done very systematically by cemeteries and each name is checked off in the record book. No grave is overlooked.

This year the complaint has been that the flags were put out too late. In addition to this job, Fran has volunteered to trim around all the tombstones at Gate of Heaven and weeded and planted the two new planters at the entrance. Did anyone notice?

Appreciation

I wish to express my appreciation to my friends and neighbors for the cards, flowers, and visitations I received while in the hospital also for the acts of kindness extended to me and my family.
Kenneth Milligan

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All the flags were placed on Saturday, May 29. If someone prefers to have a flag placed before we get to it, he has only to stop at our house and pick one up and do it himself.

In addition to this, the register has to be kept up-to-date with the new names of veterans.

Fran doesn't want a standing ovation. He volunteered for this job as his patriotic duty to our dead veterans. However, in 27 years only one person, Lewis Van Wie, has thanked him for placing a flag on his father's grave. Small wonder we remember his name.

To all the volunteers all over the world: Our deepest sympathy and most sincere thanks. May your critics not remain anonymous but come forward and volunteer to do your job better if they think they can.

The volunteer job of flag placement in Andover is open every year to anyone who wants to become Volunteer Number 4.

Mrs. Francis Cable

Andover Vacation Bible School News

The Andover Vacation Bible School will be held between June 28th and July 2nd. The theme of this year's Vacation School will be: "Jesus Speaks To Our World". During the past week, a mailing was sent to all the children in school in grades K - 6. If your child was not contacted, please call the Director of this year's V.B.S., Rev. Alan Minarcik (478-3922). We will be more than happy to register your child. The teachers for this year's school will be:

Pre-school (those going into Kindergarten in the fall) — Mrs. Clare Minarcik

Kindergarten, Mrs. Rose Burdick
Grade 1, Mrs. Jean Searle
Grade 2, Mrs. Joan Wallace
Grade 3, Mrs. Rose Burger
Grade 4, Miss Joyce Harris
Grade 5, Mrs. Helen Wolter
Grade 6, Mrs. Bessie Mulconery
Refreshments, Mrs. Doris MacMichael

If you would like to help in any capacity, you are urged to take part. The staff for the V.B.S. will meet Tuesday, June 8th at the Presbyterian Church at 7:00 p. m.

Commercial Printing at The News Printing House

Honored On 52nd Wedding Anniversary

Mr. and Mrs. Howard A. Perry were honored on their 52nd wedding anniversary, 27th of May by friends, neighbors and relatives.

The party was given by Miss Margaret Wood and Miss Mary Lee at the Perry residence, 25 Dyke St., Andover. In attendance were: Mr. and Mrs. E. Clair, Mr. and Mrs. Fay Boyd, Mr. and Mrs. Carroll Rager, Mr. and Mrs. E. Keat, Mr. and Mrs. B. Burger, Mr. and Mrs. L. Briggs, Mr. and Mrs. O. Kemp, Mr. and Mrs. C. Howland, Mr. and Mrs. W. Ahrens, Mr. and Mrs. E. Milligan, Mr. Erwin Lewis, Mr. R. Morris of Fillmore, granddaughter, Mrs. A. L. Neely, great grandson, Peter J. Neely, daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Eberle.

Inter-Church Planning Committee To Meet

On Monday, June 7th, members and pastors of village churches (the Presbyterian, Methodist, Baptist and Roman Catholic) will meet to discuss ways in which they might work together. In the past year, they have co-sponsored several cantatas, the highly successful ecumenical Lenten series and other events. This committee will serve as a clearing house for communication between the churches and will administer the funds which have been accrued from the various services and joint ventures. This planning committee will not replace any existing church program but will merely explore in what ways the churches might fruitfully work together. The meeting will be held at the Blessed Sacrament Parish Hall at 7:30 p. m.

To Graduate

Miss Ena S. Matison, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lynn S. Matison of R.D.1, Andover will be among the 228 seniors to graduate from the Wellsville Vocational Division of State University Agricultural and Technical College at Alfred, June 6th, at 2 p. m. The commencement exercises will be held at the Wellsville Campus.

Miss Matison has been majoring in machine clerical.

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NOTICE

The New York State Department of Environmental Conservation has notified me that effective June 1, 1971 there will be a fee increase as follows:

- Res. Fishing \$4.25
- Res. Hunting \$4.25
- Res. Hunt and Fish \$7.75
- Res. Big Game \$4.25
- Res. Trapping \$4.25
- Lost License Certificate \$.75

GLADYS FOX
Town Clerk

Honored At Shower

Mrs. Kathryn Welch and Mrs. Jane Goodridge were hostess at a Bridal Shower Saturday afternoon, May 15th in honor of Miss Rose Larson at the Welch home.

Refreshments were served and the honored guests received many lovely gifts.

Guests were present from: North Tonawanda, Fairport, Angelica, Arkport, Hornell, Alfred and Andover.

Jesus Christ-Super Star To Be Presented June 6th

In recent days, the Folk Rock opera Jesus Christ Super-Star has evoked a great deal of response. In this country alone, two million copies of the album have been sold. It is praised by a great many and condemned by a few. Many see this album as a breakthrough in showing the youth and the world something of the life of Jesus Christ.

The Album for Jesus Christ Super-Star will be played through in its entirety on Sunday night, June 6th at 7:00 p. m. at the Presbyterian Church. It will be followed by a discussion. Any one who would like to attend is more than welcome.

Appreciation

I wish to express my appreciation to all who sent cards, flowers, visitations and other acts of kindness extended to me while I was in the hospital. A special thanks to Rev. Wolter and Everett Clair for their many visits. Also thanks for those who assisted in my wife's transportation to and from the hospital. It was greatly appreciated.

Clyde Yorton

PERSONALS

Mrs. Charles F. Hill of Brooklyn was a Saturday night guest at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Oliver Baker and attended the Alumni Banquet held at the Andover Central School Saturday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Waugh and infant daughter, Rebecca, and Mr. and Mrs. Douglas Harvey of Corning were Saturday guests of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Allen Harvey.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Kemp, daughter and son of Irwin, Pa., spent the holiday week-end visiting their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Oliver Kemp and Mr. and Mrs. Sylvester Pelton. They attended the Alumni Association activities Saturday evening held at the Andover Central School, of which her brother, Philip Pelton is a member of the Class of 1971.

In Memoriam

In loving memory of my beloved wife and mother, Mrs. Bertha M. Honegger who passed away five years ago, on June 3, 1966.

What would we give to see your smile
And sit with you and talk awhile
The blow was sudden, the shock severe,
To part with one we loved so dear.
We miss you now, our hearts grow sore,
As time goes by we miss you more.
We often sit and think of you,
The things you used to say and do,
And wonder why you had to die,
Without a chance to say goodbye.

Sadly missed by husband, three daughters, son and grandchildren.

Appreciation

I wish to thank all my many friends and neighbors for their kindness and thoughtfulness while I was in the Hospital.
Betty Bridge

Appreciation

I wish to extend my most sincere thanks to all those who helped me when I fainted during the musical program at Andover Central School Friday night, May 23, 1971. I am very grateful to you all.

Sincerely
Conner Stephens

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