

MEMORIAL DAY — 1975

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.
To symbolize our love with flowers, is not enough to do;
We must be brave as they were brave, and true as they were true,
They died to build a better world, and we who mourn 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 26, 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 don their hats and stand at attention when it proudly passed by, carried by an interested citizen. Most people were proud to give the "Pledge of Allegiance" to the Flag of our Country, whether it was in Church, School, Fraternal Meetings, or in Public Assemblies.

The patriots to be remembered in a special way on that day represent every generation of Americans. They fell in battles 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 1975. Some came of families long established in America; many others were new to the land and its promise. They differed in color, in religion, profession, in political faith and in other ways which historically have divided the human family.

Yet, all had this in common — they loved their Country and they died to make men free!

Compare this with the selfish motive 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. Later on, we could join the local American Legion or Veterans program and pay homage to the departed Veterans of all Wars.

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 for all Veterans and local Citizens that are still proud of their Uniforms, Comrades, Flag and Country. Won't you join in too?

"Inside The State Capital"

By James L. Emery

The Assembly Democrats last week brought to the floor their package of so-called prison reform bills which, earlier in the session, they predicted would pass with little problems. Imagine their surprise then when a parent after debate of the bills, two of them, the House and Senate, both passed bills which would allow prisoners to mail one letter a week with the state providing the postage. These are fair and reasonable guidelines. However, I seriously question how prison authorities can adequately check mail for dangerous material such as so-called 'letter bombs' or written material which may pertain to plots for escape or prison sabotage if all the material is not checked.

It is a difficult task to deal with the mail of prisoners, and it is a task which should be handled by the state, not by the prison guards, and prison personnel must be equipped to do so. It is not just the opening of all mail to all of those, especially those who are violent, who have broken the law and are now imprisoned.

EMERY SAYS SUMMER STATE PARKS JOB PROGRAM PATRONAGE PLUM

ALBANY—Assemblyman James L. Emery (R-Albany) said today that he is appalled to find that the Democrat Carey Administration has apparently turned the state parks' summer job program, which hundreds of needy young people have depended upon for college and extra income, into a huge political patronage plum for Democrat county chairmen around the State.

Emery revealed that Governor Carey and Orrin Lehman, Commissioner of the Office of Parks and Recreation, have ordered that all appointments for summer jobs in state parks must first receive the recommendation and endorsement of the Democrat county chairman in which the park is located, and that appointments will be made in no other way.

"This is the most blatantly political move yet on the part of the Democrat State Administration," Emery angrily said, "and completely destroys the carefully developed screening process fostered in recent years under former Governors Rockefeller and Wilson without political considerations to see that needy and qualified young people had summer employment in these parks."

He continued: "When it was brought to the attention of the State Administration several years ago that the proper qualifying considerations were not being used to hire these summer employees, Governor Rockefeller did away with any patronage ties & instructed those in charge to hire young people who were skilled and qualified and who could show the financial need. Now, under the new Democrat edict, this will all go down the drain, and with it, many jobs around the State for those who have done fine work in the past and were depending upon these jobs again this summer."

The Assistant Minority Leader reported that he has learned that the State Office of Parks and Recreation asked for the names of all those employed in the summer parks program earlier this year. "Not the job titles or descriptions," he noted, "but the specific name of each person employed. Now if that wasn't to be used to check the enrollment books to see about party enrollment, why did they need the names?"

He further reported that some 70 summer park employees in his 136th Assembly District have received notification that they will not be rehired this summer, regardless of their past performance. Apparently, these jobs will go to registered Democrats and that will be the only criteria used for their employment.

"Not only is this political arrogance at its lowest point," Emery continued, "but it could also prove to be dangerous to the safety and welfare of the public in general. If there is no screening process as to job ability, who is to say what qualifies a person to be a lifeguard for instance? The fact that he is a Democrat? What method will be used to see that young people who will be required to use machinery are capable of doing so?"

In addition, Assemblyman Emery

revealed that those persons in charge of the hiring process for state park summer employment have been told in no uncertain terms that if they in any way embarrass Governor Carey or Commissioner Lehman or do not follow the patronage rule, to the letter, their jobs may be in jeopardy also.

"As a result of these astounding developments," Emery said, "I have today sent a letter to William Taylor, Chairman of the State Council of Parks and Recreation, asking that this matter be brought before a meeting of the State Council of Parks and Recreation at its closing session, May 19, at the State Capitol, Albany. I am asking that the Council advise the Governor and the Commissioner of the State Parks and Recreation of the state's policy of the State Administration."

Emery continued: "This is a shocking development which is a betrayal of the State's trust. There is no place in today's governmental process. It may have been done in the past but it is a shameful act that no other state of Governor Rockefeller. To change it again this summer to Democrat control is a disgrace to the State is almost unbelievable."

"As I relate to the 70 people in my assembly district who were depending on these summer jobs, there was no indication whatsoever that they were anything but excellent employees and had planned to return to their jobs. How many hundreds of others around the State will be in the same fix I can't imagine. They are all being caught up in a political play which is apparently typical of the way New York State government will be run under Governor Carey and I for one think it is disgusting."



50 YEARS AGO

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The faculty for Andover High School for 1925-26 has been announced as follows: Principal, Glen H. Simpson, Lima, N. Y.; English and Spanish, Miss Leola Baker, Rochester, N. Y.; History & French, Miss Grace L. Cross, Canisteo, N. Y.; Physical Training, Miss Eleanor Fish, Iliou, N. Y.; Eighth Grade, Mrs. Edith Thorne, Andover; Sixth and Seventh Grades, Miss Annette Taylor, Andover; Fourth and Fifth Grades, Miss Nora McAndrew, Andover; Third Grade, Miss Ruth Taylor, Andover; Second Grade, Miss Mary Snyder, Andover; First Grade, Miss Doris Stinson, Iliou, N. Y.

The Ladies Furnishing Store of J. C. Cannon Company was moved this week from the Burrows Building to the McTigue Store recently purchased by Cannon Brothers adjoining the Men's Furnishing & Shoe Store of James P. Cannon. The combining of these two progressive stores will give Andover a department store that will compare favorably with any store of the kind in Western New York.

In "The Technical," a paper published at Raleigh, N. C., as a write-up regarding a former Andover man, Prof. Leon E. Cook, who is making good and coming up in his profession.

Wednesday evening was observed at the Rebekah Lodge as Children's Night. An interesting program in charge of Mrs. A. G. Kemp and Miss Liza Youmans was presented. Recitations were given by Doris and Ida Mae Howland, Miriam Brown, Loretta Boyd, Louise Allen, Eleanor DeLaney, Helen Vickers, Edna Wagner, the Mae McClure, Dorothy, and Leo Nobles, Ruth and Michael Clark. A reading by Lucille Dawson. The musical number was a piano solo by Eva Richards, a violin solo and quart played by Francis and Oliver Kemp. The program was followed by a fine supper in the dining hall. Mrs. George Vickers and Mrs. George Shuman were the supper committees. Children's

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