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EDITORIAL

TAKE A KNEE?

Last year NFL player Colin Kaepernick refused to stand for the National Anthem, because, he said, of America's racism and the deaths of blacks at the hands of police. We believed, then and now, that his protest was based on a false premise—that the number of such deaths was very small and, in fact, most of them were “line of duty” type incidents, in which the victim actually committed a crime, resisted police, attempted to seize an officer's weapon, or approached a police officer in a threatening manner. In any case, policemen in America are almost exclusively local, and even assuming the worst, a handful of violent racist officers should not be used to taint the vast majority of good, honest policemen; and why Mr. Kaepernick decided that “America” should be represented by the negative rather than the positive is something he has yet to explain.

Yes, we disagreed with Mr. Kaepernick's protest, although he surely has the right to protest. A handful of other football players joined in, a few singers, and others, but the number was still pretty small until this past week, after President Trump called out the protestors in impolite language. That statement was like the crack in a levee, because this past weekend nearly 200 NFL players “took a knee,” stayed in the locker room, or otherwise protested the Anthem. The Dallas Cowboys, united with their owner Jerry Jones, linked arms and “took a knee” prior to the National Anthem, although all of them did stand for the Anthem. The protests have inspired folks to come out in support of the kneelers, and also to oppose them, and that turmoil of conflicting view points has always been part of life in America. We do have the right to “take a knee,” but that also means that those who don't like “taking a knee” can freely express that viewpoint as well.

Some of the kneelers are protesting something – racism, Donald Trump, who knows? Many football players seem to be doing it to show “unity” – although in our way of looking at it, there isn't a better way to show unity with one's fellow Americans than to stand proudly for the American Flag and the National Anthem.

Either President Trump managed to make things worse – or he brought them to a head. The Pittsburgh Steelers remained in the locker room for the Anthem this week – save for Alejandro Villanueva, a former US Army Ranger, who stood alone with his hand over his heart. Things being what they are, and he being the kind of man he is – he apologized for showing up his teammates. That is as good an illustration of the present state of affairs – that the one man who stood with his hand on his heart apologized; while the ones who took a knee have no regrets. Well, maybe not. Steeler Captain Ben Roethlisberger announced that the team would stand for the Anthem next week. Most revolutions overreach, and perhaps this one has already. Two Democratic members of Congress “took a knee” before the House this week. They claim, as Progressives often do, that “taking a knee” shows the true patriotism. Would they say that stealing shows true respect for the law? Or having an affair shows true love for one's wife? Love of country can be expressed in many ways, but denying our patriotic symbols is not one of them. The person who refuses to stand also complains that he deserves our respect even as he shows disrespect for the rest of us. Please note that when Mr. Kaepernick started this whole thing, Barack Obama was our President. And what was the reaction of the conservatives? Did they condone the protest because they thought President Obama did not deserve respect? No, they disapproved of the protests, just as they do with Mr. Trump as President. If our level of patriotism depends on who the President is, then it is not really patriotism, is it? Patriotic Americans come in all stripes with many opinions. But those opinions should never taint our respect for our nation, whether our President is a Democrat or a Republican, a conservative or a progressive, black or white. We can strongly object to this President or the previous one, or the next one – and most of us do or will, but America is greater than any of its leaders. One of our favorite points of view is the one that says America is great not because of great men doing great things, but because of ordinary people doing ordinary things (and sometimes extraordinary things). The men who died at Saratoga or Chapultepec or Gettysburg or in the Argonne forest or at Kasserine or Anzio or Normandy or Pearl Harbor or Tarawa or Pusan or Khe Sanh or Kirkuk or thousands of other places were ordinary men, who gave all they had that America's mission could be fulfilled and the rest of us could live in peace. Yes, the flag represents them, and their memory alone should forestall anyone from showing disrespect for the flag; but it represents everyone else as well – even those who protest or support “the other candidate.”

That is why we should always show respect for the flag and our anthem and our country – because it represents an ideal that is bigger than all of us. Our nation is imperfect, as is everyone who lives in it, but it stands for something to which we all aspire, and something that we should honor in the highest regard. Sure, anyone has “the right” to take a knee in America; but given what America is and what it stands for, why would we do so?

Faith Baptist Church
 Rt. 414, East of Canton 570-673-3126
Sunday School, 9:45 am • Morning Worship, 11 am
Sunday Evening, 6 pm • Wed. Prayer Meeting, 6 pm
We invite you to join us.
John Lattimer, Pastor
"He that doeth the will of God abideth forever" --I John 2:17

OBITUARIES

D. Jane Burke

D. Jane Burke, 82, of Towanda, Pennsylvania, a resident of the Sherwood Personal Care Home, Canton, passed away Tuesday evening, Sept. 19, 2017 at the Troy Community Hospital.

Jane was born on Feb. 18, 1935 in Towanda, the daughter of Stephen E. Miller and Floris L. Sherman Miller. She was a graduate of Towanda High School class of 1953. Jane was a well-known seamstress in the area, operating her sewing business from her home. In early years she was employed by Dushore Lingerie and later operated a dairy bar in New Albany, Pennsylvania for several years. Jane was employed by E.I. DuPont in Towanda for 10 years until her retirement. She enjoyed sewing, reading and working crossword puzzles.

Surviving are her children, Cathy Williams of New Albany, Julie Landis and husband Brian of Manheim, Pennsylvania and Chris Dunham of Towanda; grandchildren, Heather Porter and husband Mike of Wyalusing, Jason Williams of Cincinnati, Ohio; great-grandchildren, Denton Porter, Lauren Porter, Alexa Williams, Porter Williams; and her loving companion, Dan Bergquist of the Sherwood Personal Care Home, Canton. In addition to her parents she was preceded in death by a son, Robert Duane "Butch" Dunham on Aug. 8, 1978.

A memorial service will be held

at 3:30 p.m. on Saturday, Sept. 30, 2017, at the Maryott-Bowen Funeral Home, 217 York Ave., Towanda, Pennsylvania, with Rev. Robert Martin officiating. The family will receive friends one hour prior to the service at the funeral home.

The family suggests that contributions may be directed to the American Cancer Society, Bradford Unit, 1948 East Third St., Williamsport, PA 17701, or to the Bradford County Humane Society, P.O. Box 179, Ulster, PA 18850, in Jane's memory. Memories and condolences may be expressed by visiting www.bowen-funeralhomes.com.

Edward W. Holcombe

Edward W. Holcombe, age 96, 3745 Red Maple Lane, Bloomsburg, died at his home on Wednesday, September 20, 2017.

He was preceded in death by his wife, the former Doris H. (Palmer) Holcombe on February 9, 1986.

He is survived by his wife, the former M. Ann (Spencer) Stone, whom he married on December 4, 1989.

At his request, there will be no further obituary.

Arrangements have been entrusted to the care of the Dean W. Kriner, Inc. Funeral Home & Cremation Service, 325 Market Street, Bloomsburg.

Condolence messages and photographs may be posted at www.krinerfuneralhomes.com.

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ACCEPTING THE DECISION

A long, long time ago, during the third Presidential Debate last year, Donald Trump was asked if he would accept the results of the election. He responded by saying things such as “I'll keep you in suspense,” or “I'll accept it if I win.” His remarks were met with almost universal disapproval across the political spectrum. Of course, we never will know if he would have accepted the results if he had lost, because – he won. Hillary Clinton most emphatic critics of Mr. Trump's comment, saying it was “horrifying.” Well, here we are, about ten months later, and Mrs. Clinton her self has told an interviewer that she might challenge the election, even though there is no Constitutional means to do so. And, although Mrs. Clinton did concede, she has hardly let a day go by without finding some platform for denouncing the President, calling the legitimacy of his win into question, or supporting “the resistance” to President Trump in some form. The people who screamed the loudest over Mr. Trump's remarks have been silent over Mrs. Clinton's. Heck, none of them have even given her a gentle tut-tut or a wrist slap. Mr. Trump justified his concerns by speculating that the system could be “rigged” or that there were millions of illegal votes cast for Mrs. Clinton; Mrs. Clinton justifies her concerns by claiming the the President conspired or colluded with Russia to thwart her candidacy.

Information that has come to light since election day provides far more support for Mr. Trump's justification than for Mrs. Clinton's. Is this another case that proves there is a different standard of acceptable behavior for Republicans than for Democrats? We don't know if we would go that far, but in light of the recent riots in St. Louis, where most of the major elected officials came out in support of the folks who rioted over the judge's verdict in a police brutality case, presidential candidates aren't the only people who publicly refuse to accept legal decisions; and neither Mrs. Clinton's supporters nor Mr. Trump's rioted over the election. The people in St. Louis (and far too many other cities) have rioted, and caused millions of dollars worth of damage. How many of the people who were “horrified” at Mr. Trump's comments have expressed “horror” over rioting in the name of rejecting a judge's decision? We will probably wait a long time before the level of outrage matches what happened over Mr. Trump's remarks.

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140 Years Ago-1877

Several pieces of clothing were stolen from the wash-line of Mr. B S Dartt, corner of Centre and Union Streets. On Monday, the entire week's wash hanging on the line and belonging to Mrs. John VanDyke was stolen from the premises on Centre Street.

Erica Shatar, D.O. joins the family medicine team in Southport with clinical interests in pediatrics, sports medicine and women's health. She completed her medical education at Lake Erie College of Osteopathic Medicine in Erie, Pa. and her residency in family medicine at Williamsport Family Medicine in Williamsport, Pa. Dr. Shatar is now seeing patients in Southport. To make an appointment, please call 607-734-3929.

Katherine Lincoln, D.O., F.A.A.F.P. joins the wound care team in Sayre, Pa. with clinical interests in hyperbaric medicine, wound care medicine and medical education. She is certified by the American Osteopathic Association in family medicine and is a member of the American Academy of Family Practice, American College of Osteopathic Family Physicians and the American Osteopathic Association. Dr. Lincoln is now welcoming wound care patients in Sayre. If you would like to make an appointment, please call 570-887-6724.

Jessica Scarfone, R.N.-B.C., F.N.P. joins the bariatric surgery team in Sayre, Pa. She is certified from the American Nurses Credentialing Center in Medical Surgical Nursing and completed her education at Binghamton University/Decker School of Nursing in Binghamton, N.Y. Jessica is now seeing patients at the Sayre Weight Loss Center. If you would like to make an appointment, please call 570-887-3920.

Arun Alagappan, M.D. is a

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The road to Minnequa, between F S Elliott's residence and Rockafellow's, has this week been widened.

Tri-County UM Parish To Present "Crossover" At St. John's, Oct. 8



Crossover, a southern gospel family quartet from Mahaffey, PA will be in concert at St. John's United Methodist Church, Grover on Sunday, October 8.

The concert is slated to begin at 6:30 p.m. with refreshments to follow.

Crossover is a family quartet expressly committed to sharing the Gospel in testimony and song. The group is comprised of Beau, Jeannie, Shane, and Cortney Litz. They have received several awards as well as recording numerous albums This will be

their first time in the Canton area.

The concert is being sponsored by Tri-County United Methodist Parish which is comprised of the following churches: St. John's, Ecumenical Parish, Shunk and Ward United Methodists.

The public is invited to this FREE concert. It will be an evening of inspirational music and fellowship. A free will offering will be taken to help defray the cost.

Presbyterian Church Chancel Choir At Standing Stone

The First Presbyterian Church Chancel Choir will provide the special music at the Standing Stone Community Vesper Church on Sunday, October 1, 2017 at 6:00 PM.

The First Presbyterian Church Chancel Choir is a group of fun-loving, joyful singers who love to sing praises and share the Word and message of Christ the Lord! They welcome friends and those who like to sing to join them in harmonizing as they rehearse every Wednesday evening at 7:30 PM in preparation for Sunday morning worship services and other seasonal offerings at Christmas and in the spring. They are under the direction of Judy Douglas and Jody Stroud is the gifted accompanist. All are welcome to come to hear this remarkable group of many voices harmonizing for the pure joy of refreshing our spirits. Pastor of the First Presbyterian Church is Rachel Stahle. The church is located at 5 Court Street, Towanda, Pa. "the church by the Court House", and worship services begin at 10:00 AM on Sundays. Check their website at www.fpctowanda.com for more information on what is happening and when.

The choir will be singing a variety of anthems Sunday evening that praise and glorify God. Choir members and friends singing at the Vesper Church include: Sopranos - Amy Carr, Emily Carr, Joyce Hinkson, Rhea Johnston, Holly Keegan, Sharon Pavey, Peggy Putnam, and Deb Wollenberg; Alto - Norma Bacon, Janice McConnell, Virginia McPherson, Lynn Mitchell, Nancy Neilson, Julie O'Donnell, and Wanda Stahl; Tenors - Brian Daly, Paul DeWitt, Peg Durnin, Ray Fleming, Al Mackie, Lee Stahl, and Dick Walsh; Basses - Jesse Bacon, Steve Homet, Craig Wollenberg, and Jerry Young.

Faith Jaynes is organist, Carol O'Brien is pianist, and Rev. Robert Martin will be the speaker. Come and enjoy a wonderful time together worshipping Christ through music.

The next service will be the Thanksgiving Service on November 19, 2017. The Christmas Service will be held December 10, 2017.

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70 Years Ago-1947

The Lewis Chicken Ranch in Gillet, specializing in chicken dinners, will open Friday at 5:30. Regular hours are 11:30 am to 9 pm.

A man from Emporium was arrested after an altercation in the American Stores, in which he struck a clerk and smashed a plate glass window. The man was arraigned before Justice of the Peace William Hickok and given a sentence of 100 days in the County jail after pleading guilty to a charge of being drunk and disorderly.

At the Band Box Theatre, *Make Mine Music*, with Dinah Shore and Nelson Eddy.

Bible Services At Canton Moose

Bible Services will be held at the Canton Moose Lodge (dining room) on Sundays at 3 pm on Oct. 1 & 8.

The purpose of these services is to encourage genuine interest in the Scriptures and to point from them a way of life that never fails and has not changed with time and circumstance.

The speakers, Rachel Hildebrand and Audrey Fuller, are without denominational affiliation, but they are in fellowship with a world wide body of Christians, who believe in following the instructions of the New Testament for their ministry and worship.

They take no collections, tithes or salaries and distribute no literature.

All are welcome to attend these services, which are quiet, reverent and upholding Jesus Christ as the example for all. For more information or questions, please call (717) 513-6027.

Guthrie Announces New Providers

board certified Anesthesiologist at both the Big Flats and Guthrie Corning Hospital locations. Dr. Alagappan is certified by the American Board of Anesthesiology, American Society of Anesthesiology and the International Anesthesia Research Society. He completed his residency at the Mount Sinai School of Medicine at St. Joseph's Regional Medical Center in Patterson, N.J.

Kristen Quirk, B.S.N., C.R.N.A., M.S.N. joins the Anesthesiology team in Sayre, Pa. with clinical interests in general anesthesia, neuroanesthesia and regional anesthesia. She received her education at Georgetown University in Washington, D.C. and completed her education at Wake Forest School of Medicine in Winston-Salem, N.C.

Stacey Coon-Walsh, N.P. joins the Hospitalist team at Guthrie Troy Community Hospital with clinical interests in gerontology, critical care and pulmonary medicine. She received certification as an Adult/Gerontological Nurse Practitioner and completed her education at Maryville University in St. Louis, Mo.

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90 Years Ago-1927

A T Whitehead and Elmer Thompson are repairing the Pension Street school house this week. It was struck by lightning.

Sponsored by the Troy Rotary Club and executed by a committee composed of D F Pomeroy, W H Parsons and P S King, a 43 foot arrow, with the words Troy, Pa. in 9x16 foot letters, have been painted in gleaming white on the roof of the Shook and Ballard buildings on East Main Street. No longer will the circling airman be in doubt as to the identity of the handsomest village in Pennsylvania.