

THE FOURTH OF JULY CELEBRATION

An Editorial

How long has it been since Andover has had a Fourth of July Celebration? How many years have passed since there has been a parade and program scheduled with a fireworks display for the climax? In fact, how many of our children have even seen a fireworks display?

Many of us can think back with a feeling of nostalgia and recall how we used to look forward to the Fourth of July with almost as much anticipation as Christmas.

Almost every Village used to have a rip-roaring ball game with a lawn social or concessions where people could get something to eat and then grown-ups as well as children would sit around the ball park and wait impatiently for that last long hour before darkness to pass so we could watch the fireworks.

Of course, we were too young to realize how much work, time, effort and money went in to make up a program like this but we do remember the oohs and aahs of the crowd as each spectacular display piece burst into flame and how we hated to see the American Flag piece which indicated the end of the fireworks.

This was a form of "to-getherness" (before the word was even coined) where the whole family would talk about it for days ahead, attend to-gether and then talk about for days afterwards.

Now we are the grown-ups! What have we done in the past few years to show our children what the "Glorious Fourth" used to be like so that this great heritage could be preserved and perpetuated?

This year, The Fourth of July, 1963 can go down in Village History as the revival of the old "Spirit of '76". All that is needed is the whole hearted support of every man, woman and child in our Village.

We were pleasantly surprised and very pleased when we first heard of plans for a Fourth of July Celebration. With this undertaking, as well as any other large project there were a few pessimists who were ready to throw cold water on the scheme.

We are glad that the Firemen "took the bull by the horns" and have gone ahead to sponsor the Celebration since we believe that it will be a much bigger success than many people anticipate.

When the Fourth of July Celebration was first under discussion, Rev. Alfred Gross suggested that the Church bells be rung for several minutes to open the program, and since it was a good idea it has been adopted into the plans.

Just recently we have read that there is a supporting resolution before the Congress of the United States of America that: "On July 4, 1963 and each year thereafter, all bells in churches, government buildings, colleges, universities and all buildings having one, will ring for four minutes in every part of the country. Every radio station will broadcast the sound of the bells for two minutes, followed by a reading of the Declaration of Independence."

This idea is not a new one, since it has a historical concept dating back as far as 1776 when John Adams wrote to his wife in Philadelphia that he believed bells should ring from one end of the continent to the other commemorating Independence Day.

Many communities across the Nation are planning to join in with this ceremony but this will be their only form of celebration. However, we in Andover are more fortunate since this will be just the opening of our celebration.

The School, many organizations as well as businessmen and individuals have pledged floats and displays for the parade. Local business people have donated the money for the fireworks display.

For the people who won't be in the line of march for the parade, a large group of spectators is always needed to watch, applaud and cheer on the participants in the parade.

Surely you can fit in somewhere—won't you join us?

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HAPPINESS OR TRAGEDY?

The right of Americans to pursue happiness is one of the first points mentioned in the Declaration of Independence. This pursuit has taken numerous forms in the nearly two centuries since the adoption of the Declaration on July 4, 1776.

Today, many seek happiness, relaxation, and fun on the highways. The celebration of July 4th will in many cases involve a motor jaunt to some nearby beach or picnic site. But the holiday will be cut short for some families by the shattering finality of a traffic accident.

Such needless highway tragedies, the New York State Citizens Council on Traffic Safety points out, have taken the lives of more Americans than all the wars since the American Revolution.

The roads will be crowded over the July 4th holiday—with some six million vehicles expected to be operating in New York State alone.

You can safeguard the happiness of your family this Independence Day by being alert and careful while driving.

According to Clifton W. Phalen, President of the New York State Citizens Council on Traffic Safety, over six million motorists will travel on New York roads on the July 4th holiday.

"Under these conditions, the observance of safe driving rules is a life-saving necessity," he said.

The Council President urged drivers to be especially careful in the early part of the holiday because of the higher incidence of traffic fatalities during that time. He noted that the span from 6 to 9 P. M.—the first three hours of the holiday period—is the most hazardous.

Motorists also were cautioned to stay alert even while traveling in familiar territory. Studies show half the fatal holiday accidents occur within ten miles of the drivers' homes, two-thirds within 25 miles.

Mr. Phalen suggested five rules for survival: plan ahead so there is no need to hurry; adjust to road and weather conditions; obey all speed limits and traffic laws; use seat belts at all times; and stop when you get tired.

REMEMBER—THE LIFE YOU SAVE—MAY BE YOUR OWN!

Only 20 of the nation's 50 states have laws that guarantee all men the right to work where and when they wish.

Turning Back The Pages of Andover History

(Taken from the Files of The Andover News)

50 YEARS AGO

June 20, 1913

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Mrs. D. M. Cooper of Smethport, Pa., was the guest of her mother, Mrs. D. C. Hardy, last Tuesday.

Mrs. Henry Livermore was in Friendship Wednesday to attend the wedding of her cousin, Miss Reba Lobdell to Thomas Stillman of Nile.

Miss Ila Brown was in Dansville Wednesday, where she acted as bridesmaid at the Green-Mahoney wedding.

Miss Alice O'Donnell of Hornell is visiting her aunt, Mrs. Eliza Doran.

Patrick O'Boyle is visiting his daughter, Mrs. William Embser of Wellsville this week.

Mr. and Mrs. William Reed of Canisteo are visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Calvin Slocum.

30 YEARS AGO

June 16, 1933

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Announcement has been received at the News Office this week of the graduation of Clarence W. Hardy in the medical class of 1933

Doctor Quiddity

A Public Service Health Message

MEDICAL SOCIETY OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK

STOMACH IN ACTION -

THIS MUSCULAR BAG, WHEN CONTAINING FOOD, WORKS GENERALLY IN TWO WAYS. WITH X-RAYS WE CAN SEE SQUEEZING ACTIONS WHICH CHURN THE FOOD... THIS IS LIKE SQUEEZING A TUBE OF TOOTHPASTE HERE AND THERE WHEN ITS CAP IS ON...



AT THE SAME TIME, ANOTHER KIND OF SQUEEZING ACTION PUSHES THE FOOD INTO THE INTESTINE - LIKE SQUIRTING TOOTHPASTE OUT OF THE TUBE WITH THE CAP OFF.



from the University of Michigan. He will intern at Louisville, Kentucky.

Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Williams, Mr. and Mrs. B. S. Brundage, Mr. and Mrs. A. R. Baker, Miss Minnie Clair, Mrs. William Woodruff, Mrs. C. L. Earley and Mrs. Jesse Hunt attended and OES meeting in Bolivar Tuesday evening.

Lightning killed three Jersey cows belonging to Julius Updyke during Thursday's storm.

The body of the late Mrs. James McGinty was brought to Andover for burial last Sunday.

Joseph Eberle of Olean and Lewis Atherton of Cuba have rented the Swink Hotel and will operate the same.

Mrs. Ellen Ferguson and daughter of Cameron Mills are visiting her sister, Mrs. Raphael Cook.

Walter Lanphear left Sunday for a visit at the home of his daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Earl Carpenter of Salem, West Virginia.

Miss Dora Wagner is home from Sand Hill, where she is teaching to pass the summer with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Wagner.

Miss Loretta Quigg is in Rochester today attending the graduation of her brother, Danny, from the Mechanics Institute.

40 YEARS AGO

June 15, 1923

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The first Ball Game to be played on the new diamond is schedul-

ed for this Sunday with Richburg. Mrs. Addie Green is moving from Reesville, N. Y., to Andover and will occupy the Charles Hoard house on Baker Street.

Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Hann are the parents of a son born June 13th.

Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Clark are the parents of a son born June 8th.

Paul Kilbane, George McAndrew, Patrick Lynch, Warren Dolan, James Driscoll, Francis Horan, Edward Padden, Martha McDonough, Anne McDonough, Virginia Joyce, Ruth Lynch, and Mary White have received their first Communion at Blessed Sacrament Church, Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Spicer were in Syracuse Wednesday to Friday attending a Dairymen's Meeting.

Misses Doris Church and Virgil Slaght, who graduated from Genesee State Normal June 13th have returned to their homes in Andover.

Carl Pingrey of Syracuse is passing the summer vacation with his mother, Mrs. Bertha Pingrey.

Miss Ruby Robinson graduated from Alfred University this week.

Those from Andover attending the Annual Meeting of the Allegany Baptist Association at Belfast Thursday were: Rev. and Mrs. McIntosh, Miss Minnie Clair, Mr. and Mrs. B. A. Clair, Mrs. Sarah Burbank, Mrs. Hattie Eggleston, Mrs. Vivian Sweet, Miss Florence Williams, Mrs. Roger Baker, Miss Alice Pope, Howard Baker, Frank Weinbauer and Arnold Eichorn.

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