

THE MEANING OF FLAG DAY

An Editorial

Every June 14th we celebrate Flag Day to commemorate the passing of a historic resolution. What and when was this made?

On June 14, 1777, Congress passed a resolution which read: "Resolved—that the Flag of the United States be thirteen stripes, alternate red and white; that the Union be thirteen stars, white on a blue field, representing a new constellation."

The first public announcement of June 14 as Flag Day was made in 1877, when Congress officially named the day as a national holiday to celebrate the 100th anniversary of this resolution.

Since that time, interest in Flag Day has risen and fallen along with public attitude towards National Patriotism in almost regular cycles.

Whenever a National crisis seemed imminent, orators and statesmen would beat on the drum, military men would rattle sabers and the sparks of Patriotism would be fanned into a new fire and new interest in the Flag of our Country.

Thus it was in 1915 when Woodrow Wilson made this statement upon the re-establishment of National Flag Day on June 14th: "Many circumstances have recently conspired to turn our thoughts to a critical examination of the conditions of our national life, of the influences which have seemed to threaten to divide us in interest and sympathy of forces within and forces without that seemed likely to draw us away from the happy traditions of united purposes and action of which we have been so proud." Two years later—under the same President we were embroiled in World War I.

Roughly 25 years after this statement was made, another President in a re-election campaign said: "I hate war, Eleanor hates war" etc., ending with a promise something like this—"Mothers, I promise you—If I am re-elected—your sons will never set foot on foreign soil." Then of course this fireside chat was closed with a prayer. A short time later we were in World War II and many of us toured Europe and many other foreign countries on foot to the tune of burp gun and machine gun fire.

Today, although our Flag has grown from its original 13 stars to the present 50, the need for every home in America to fly the Flag on Flag Day grows with each passing year to keep alive our spirit of Patriotism.

Recently, on Memorial Day, our Community paid tribute to our war dead with all the dignity befitting the occasion.

However, if you drove around, how many flags did you see displayed or flying? What has happened to the fine old custom of "Showing the Flag"—not only in front of, or from the roofs of public and business buildings, but from the porches of private homes as well.

In "Yesteryears", on Holidays and festive occasions, red-white-and-blue hunting was used as a decoration—but how many of us have seen this in the past few years?

There was a sense of pride in our country behind all this. The flag was thought of as a symbol of many things—of a free people, of a world power, of a land of opportunity, whatever the faults and ills might be, of the rights and obligations of both the individual citizen as well as the politicians alike.

Old customs, fallen largely into disuse, can be revived and given new life and breath.

Selfishness, greed, apathy and complacency weakens the spirit of Patriotism, which in turn, gives Communism a chance to stick its foot in our door.

Help fight this Red menace by displaying our Flag on every National Holiday and remind ourselves, friends and neighbors, that this Flag is the symbol of our American principles of Justice, Freedom and Democracy.

"Red's" Racetrack Rambles

Hello again all you Racing Fans! Well, the weather finally warmed up a few degrees for the races at Angelica Friday night and, despite the weather man's predictions of rain, a fairly good crowd turned out for the show.

In the first Amateur Heat—Lowell Brown from Freedom in B-11 took first place; in the 2nd heat, Bobby Laird in No. 240 came in first; in the "Consy", Herb Layfield in No. 48 continued his winning ways, taking first and then coming back to win the Feature.

In the Modern Stock Division: Floyd Green of Scio, driving No. 181 took first; with Don French in No. 555 winning in the second heat. In the first Modern Semi-final, Ray Jordan, No. 3, from Cuba, nosed out Corky Hewitt driving No. 208; in a photo finish by about a foot to spare (or should we say bumper); with Pete Tingué No. 22, taking the 2nd Semi, as well as the feature.

In the Feature, Billy Layfield driving Dick Anderson's 61 Chevy led for the first 4 laps when Fritz Meyers roared by him in an effort to repeat his win from the preceding week. Fritz managed to hold the first slot until the half-way mark when Pete Tingué finally was able to grab the lead and then held it for the rest of the race. A four car duel for the runner-up positions—kept the crowd on the edges of their seats as Fritz Meyers, Don French, Irv Hall and Corky Hewitt desperately battled wheel to wheel and bumper to bumper with sparks flying on almost every turn, with the boys finally ending up in these positions at the checkered flag.

The Amateur feature was packed with excitement with Lowell Brown rolling over several times in the fourth turn early in the race and having his car burst into flames around him. Luckily, he bailed out of his car uninjured, and the Angelica Fire Department quickly snuffed out the flames before any further damage was done.

At the Ocean Speedway, Saturday night, the weatherman finally caught up with his predictions so we were rained off. However we took a "Post-man's" Holiday and drove up to Holland in time to catch the features. We were busy visiting with the drivers in the pits during the Amateur Feature so didn't catch who won that but we managed to get out into the infield for the next two features and saw Art Clark in his No. 7 win the "B" Modified; and Corky Hewitt in No. 2-T took the Modern Feature with Pete Tingué coming in second. This race was filled with plenty of action as Ray Jordan and several other cars including Dick Flaig's got in a mix-up between No. 3 and 4 turn which halted the race for a spell while emergency repairs were made and the race restarted. Ray's car suffered a broken wish-bone and despite the fact that it was welded on the spot, didn't appear to handle very well afterwards; and Dick Flaig's car while appearing to be all right may have suffered some hidden damage as he plowed into the fence in about the same place just a few laps later just after taking the lead. Art Clark's No. 7 also suffered bad luck as we understand his engine blew up and he was forced to pull out of the race. This coming week at Olean Speedway Headlines the Debut of Modern Stock Cars from '66 thru '61 models along with their regular "Super 'B' Modifieds" and Amateur or "Sportsman's Class".

A "Super Demolition Derby" is planned for June 20th with a field of around 100 cars to be ground into mangled tin ready for the junk yard under an entirely new exciting plan.

One of the big questions yet to be answered is "Who will be Miss Olean Speedway?"

All Single Girls (this means unmarried) between the ages of 15-30 are invited to compete for the title, with applications being accepted every Saturday night at the Speedway up to and including June 27th.

It is planned that the Queen and her court will appear at the

GREENWOOD NEWS

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The theme of the Children's Day Service at the Methodist Church was, "We've a Story to Tell to the Nations". Superintendent Harriet Redmond and Geraldine Lamphier were chairmen of the program. Gail Tennant

track on July 17th when the awards will be made. The Queen will receive a \$100 Savings Bond, her first Lady-in-waiting a \$50 Savings Bond and her second Lady-in-waiting a \$25 Savings Bond, while the remaining three in her court will receive their gifts from the Queen.

Yours truly, as Official Photographer, will be on hand to take pictures of these "Beauty Queens" and if some of you young enterprising Lochinvars are around on hand to assist in this "detail"—you might even get to meet these fair maidens!

About the only duties lined up for the Queen and her Court is to appear on request at other tracks and local functions and to be on hand to present trophies to the winning drivers at the Olean Speedway.

Sunday, at Perry Raceway, the races were run off—and completed—despite a threatening sky which evidently scared some of the more timid spectators away. However, the old stand-bys were there in force to cheer their favorite drivers along (and of course to boo-o-o their opponents).

In the Amateur Class—Red Raup, No. 18 took the first heat; with D. Hill, No. 71 taking the second and Gene Duke, No. 5X taking third. John Kollander, No. T-1 won the "Consy"; and Don Jetter in No. 17 captured the flag in the Feature.

In the "Super Sports" Class—Jum Shuster, No. 13, won the 1st heat and Art Clark, No. 7, took the second. The spectators were treated to a "Extra Bonus" when a Match Race was held between Cliff Norton in No. 45, Art Clark in No. 7, and Jack Gentner in No. 95, with the home ending up in

that order. Cliff Norton then came back to win his first feature of the season with Gentner taking second and Butch Hoffman, No. 40, taking third.

In the Moderns—Don French with his No. 555 took the 1st heat and Fritz Meyers, No. 41, won the 2nd heat. Moe Kessler, whose Ford blew up in the heat he was entered in, bought No. 41 before the feature and then proceeded to give it a real work-out as he gave Pete Tingué, No. 22, a thrilling battle in the latter part of the race with Pete capturing the "Checker"; Moe placing second; and Don French in No. 555 placing 3rd.

In other action, despite frequent showers Saturday afternoon, the Sportman's Raceway in Ulysses was able to get their full card in with Harold (Shifty) Sherwood of Ulysses taking first place in the special race of the evening driven on the new figure 8 track.

In the Novice Feature: Harold Rifenburg from Alma was trying to take the first slot away from Robert Williams when he lost control of his car and rolled over, which brought out the red flag stopping the race. Rifenburg was rushed to the Coudersport Hospital in the ambulance and, according to the latest report, is coming along fine although he will be hospitalized there for a few days.

After the race was re-started, Williams' blew the motor in his car with Charles Burrows from Tioga then moving in to take the lead and capturing the checkered flag which puts him in as high point man in the Novice Class.

In the "B" Modified Class, Don Rio from Ulysses took first place, with Ron Edgerton, Naples, N. Y., coming in second and Ray Kent from Elkland, Pa., placing third.

According to a late News Flash received tonight, the scheduled Wednesday night races have been suspended until later in the season when the weather warms up a batch and the vacation season gets into full swing with the stores closing on Wednesday afternoons. All three classes will be run every Saturday night.

and Marcia Gratto, were pianists. Jeanne Fisher's Nursery Class gave the Welcome; Grace Young's Kindergarten recited in unison, The boy Jesus and sang "I have the Joy"; Janet Jackson's Primary Class told stories of Jesus and sang "Jesus Wants Me for a Sunbeam"; Virginia York's class gave the Beatitudes and their explanations; Marjorie Lamphier's Juniors gave "The Miracle of Easter"; and sang, "Living For Jesus"; Freda Stephen's Junior High told about the Christian Church; Walter Jackson's Senior High Class sang the theme song. Mrs. Redmond gave the prayer and announcements, reminding the parents and children that June 22-28 is the time of the Daily Vacation Bible School.

Miss Betty York, student at Gallaudet College, Washington, D. C., arrived home last week for the summer with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Clinton York. Miss Judy York of Rochester was home for the week-end.

Miss Elsie Koehler, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Herman Koehler, is home from the State University College at Fredonia. Miss Phyllis Leonard, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Norman Leonard is home from the S. U. C. at Geneseo.

Miss Betty Pease, student at the Rochester Business Institute spent the week-end with her parents, Mr and Mrs. Gordon Pease.

Miss Cheryl Hussey, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Virgil Hussey spent several days at her home Tuesday she returned to Houghton for a summer session.

Wayne Warriner, son of Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Warriner, Sr., has completed three years at Cornell University.

Miss Linda Bassett, daughter of Elder and Mrs. Carol Bassett, completed her second year at Grace-land College in Iowa and is staying for a summer session.

Miss Betty Pease and Mrs. Patsy Hulse rode on the float in the West Greenwood Grange in the Dairyland Parade Saturday. Greenwood was well represented in the spectators watching the Dairyland Parade at Bath, Saturday.

Duane Coates was a recent patient in the St. James-Mercy Hospital, after being hit on the ankle by a baseball.

Rodney Cook was a patient at the Bethesda Hospital several days last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Ewell of Kenmore are the parents of a son, Richard, born Thursday, June 4, 1964. Mrs. Ewell is the former Sarajeon Lippert, daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Lippert.

Mr. and Mrs. John Warriner have bought the farm of Mr. and Mrs. Earl Spencer and moved their family the last week of May from the tenant house at the farm of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Howard Warriner on the Canisteo Road.

Mrs. Maryella Baker is working at the Greenwood Office of the First State Bank of Canisteo two weeks, June 1 - 13. Last week she substituted for Earl Richardson and this week for Mrs. Patricia Higgins, each having a week's vacation.

Rev. Robert Myers has transferred to the Methodist Conference of Western Pennsylvania and attended the Annual Conference there from Sunday, May 31 to June 4. Friday a van loaded the household goods of Rev. and Mrs. Myers and family and moved them to Sykesville, Pa.

Roger Streeter of the U. S. Coast Guard Academy at New London, Conn., started Friday for his summer cruise along the Atlantic to Puerto Rico.

Mr. and Mrs. Roger Shelley and three children of Elkland, Pa., were Sunday dinner guests of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Merle Greene of the Christian Hollow Road. They also visited her sisters, Miss Elaine Greene and Velencia and Mr. and Mrs. Carl Crittenden and family in the afternoon.

Mrs. Ruth York of Andover attended the Moving Up Day Program at Greenwood Central School Friday afternoon. It was also Eighth Grade Commencement and two of her grandchildren were among the seven class (Continued on Page Seven)

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