

"BIRTH OF FREEDOM" CELEBRATION

An Editorial

Last year was the first time in many years that Andover had a Fourth of July Celebration. Many years had passed since there was a parade and program scheduled along with a fireworks display for a climax.

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 — especially the fireworks part of it.

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, 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 talk about for days afterwards.

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

Last year the Firemen "took the bull by the horns" and went ahead to sponsor "The Spirit of '76 Celebration" which turned out to be a much bigger success than most anyone had anticipated.

This year, "The Birth of Freedom Celebration" for 1964 can go down in Village History as the successful continuation of 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.

Last year we were pleased when the Firemen went ahead and sponsored the Celebration after plans had been discussed and dropped the year before. We felt that the response from the public was terrific and although a few mistakes and problems arose, these can be corrected this year.

Last year 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 so it was adopted into the plans. Since those plans were made, a resolution has been passed in 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 year the Firemen are requesting that all of the local Churches ring their bells starting at 9 A. M. for 2 minutes to signify the starting of our local celebration which follows the "Birth of Freedom" theme.

The School, many organizations as well as businessmen and individuals have pledged floats and displays for the parade.

Local business people and citizens have donated the money for the fireworks display which should be even better than last year since we collected a little more money for the fund this year.

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 in the "Spirit of the Celebration"?

"Red's" Racetrack Rambles

Hello again all you racing fans. Well, this past week-end was certainly a welcome change to the poor racing weather we have labored thru so far this season.

At Angelica Raceway Friday night we enjoyed a beautiful balmy summer eve and what with the track in good shape as well as a good crowd on hand, the drivers really put on a good show to keep everyone on the edges of their seats.

In the Amateur Class: Bob Miller, No. 88, took the 1st heat; Bill Tingue, No. 26, took the 2nd heat; and "Red" Cummings, No. 16, won the "Consy". In the feature, it seemed as if the boys were getting practiced up for the demolition race afterwards as there was one crack-up after another, with the race having to be halted at one time when the track was almost completely blocked on the No. 3 turn when several cars including "Herby" Layfield, No. 48, got all tangled up. "Herb" and his crew had to make some emergency repairs to straighten out his steering controls to get his car back in running shape while some of the other boys were less fortunate and had to have their cars towed off the track.

After the re-start, Bill Tingue, No. 26, was able to keep the lead and came in to capture the "Check-key" while "Bob" Williams, No. 52, came in 2nd with "Herb" Layfield, No. 48, coming in a close third.

In the Modern Class: Bill Layfield, No. 56, won the 1st heat with Don Wood, No. 203, coming in second; Dick Flaig, No. 33, got back in the groove taking the 2nd heat with Eddy Anchor, No. 55, giving him a run for his money and coming in 2nd; and Pete Tingue, No. 22, continued his winning streak to come in 1st in the first Semi.

In the 2nd Semi: Eddy Anchor, No. 55, out dueling Dick Flaig in his No. 33 with the boys finishing in that order and then came the rip-roaring Feature. Here all the stops were pulled out with both Pete Tingue and Dick Flaig going over the bumps between the No. 3 and No. 4 turn early in the race which naturally stopped it and called for a restart as soon as both boys were checked out and found to have suffered no ill effects from their rough rides.

After the re-start, Irv Hall, No. 300, held on to the lead with as fine a show of driving skill as we have seen until the 23rd lap with Pete Tingue and Dick Flaig practically on his bumper all the way. At this point, Irv swung a little wide between the No. 1 and No. 2 turns and had to spike his brakes to avoid hitting Ron Baker's car, No. 3B, which had spun out on the No. 2 turn and was partially blocking the upper part of the groove on that turn. As Irv was forced to slow down to avoid a crash, Pete Tingue and Dick Flaig cut down on the inside and passed Irv before he could get around the stalled car, with the boys coming in across the winning line in that 1, 2, 3 order.

In visiting with both Pete and Dick after the race, both boys agreed that if it hadn't been for the stalled No. 3B on the No. 2 turn, that Irv would have kept the lead and gone on to win the race.

This coming Friday night promises to be an exciting one as there are two Trophy Races on tap for the fans with the drivers vying for the beautiful Trophies as well as the acclaim.

At Olean Speedway Saturday night: "Don" Wood in his familiar No. 203, managed to elude the "Bounty Hunters" who were after his scalp, as well as that \$100 extra bucks on his head. "Don" not only held off the field of 20 cars but also lapped the entire field, including Ray Jordan, No. 3, who was second, and 3rd place man Ed Sayer, No. 91, in his '58 Ford. Ray has been having a lot of carburetor trouble lately on his '57 Chevy and it was really cutting out and skipping badly on the corners but when he got the trouble ironed out should have a good chance to collect the bounty that still stands.

This win makes "Don" the first driver to win 3 consecutive fea-

tures at Olean Speedway in the Modern Division.

In the "B" Modified Feature, Bill Brainard, No. 18, returning after his spectacular flip on the backstretch last week, moved out into the lead at the 4th turn and held it through the 14th when his car quit on him on the No. 4 turn and he was forced to abandon it. This left Dick Ferraro, No. 91, in the lead with Jackie Soper, No. 2, hot on his bumper and Bud Phearsdorf, No. 47, a short way behind the leaders.

The boys held these positions thru the 20th lap with Soper trying his best to take over the lead. Finally, in this lap, "Jackie" saw his chance and drove under Ferraro on the No. 4 turn only to spin out on a slick spot on the track, directly in front of Ferraro who was unable to avoid crashing into the side of the sleek No. 2 racer. While the boys were getting their cars untangled from the wreckage, Phearsdorf calmly drove by and held the lead to give him his second feature win at the Olean Speedway this season.

In the Sportsmen's Feature, it took 3 or 4 re-starts before the boys could get by the first lap and really settle down to business, but of course after each pile up — at least one car had to be towed off the track which narrowed down the field a little bit.

Gerspacher, No. 65, managed to grab the lead fairly early in the race and thus was able to hold onto it for the rest of the race with the 2 nearest contenders slugging it out in a private duel of their own.

Howie Slocum, No. 4X, point leader in this class, had managed to work his way up from the back of the pack and was closing the gap on the lead car when Dave Fredericks, No. 24, tapped him on a curve and spun him out. Howie managed to regain control of his car and within 2 laps of fast, fearless driving, caught up to Fredericks and in the process of passing him, No. 211 underwent the same fate that had happened to Howie. However, by this time it was too late for Howie to overtake the lead car so he had to be content with 2nd place.

For a full recap in the Sportsmen's Division, Harold Easton, No. 57, took the 1st heat with Howie Slocum, No. 4X, coming in second; and in the feature, Gerspacher, No. 65, took 1st, with Howie Slocum, No. 4X, coming in 2nd; and Ronnie Orr, No. 170, taking the 3rd slot.

In the Super "B" Modifieds: Jackie Soper, No. 2, took the 1st heat with Bud Phearsdorf, No. 47, coming in 2nd; Bill Brainard, No. 18, easily took the 2nd heat with Dick Ferraro, No. 91, coming in 2nd; and in the Feature, Bud Phearsdorf, No. 47, took 1st with Geo. Schenk, No. 46, coming in 2nd, and Olean's Joe Tomes, No. 13, placing 3rd.

In the Modern Stocks: Don Wood, No. 203, took the 1st heat with Ray Jordan, No. 3, taking 2nd; Mery Treichler, No. 58, won the 2nd heat with Zon Davison, No. 39, taking 2nd; and in the "Consy", Don Hardy, No. 8X, came in the winner with John Toper, No. 19, placing 2nd. In the Feature, Don Wood, No. 203, copped 1st; Ray Jordan, No. 3, took 2nd; and Ed Sayer, No. 91, placed 3rd.

This coming week-end, in observance of July 4th, Olean Speedway has announced that admission will be lowered to the same price in line with the other tracks and Miss Olean Speedway Beauty Contest Winner will be selected.

At Perry Raceway on Sunday, an overflowing crowd saw the Super Sports and Moderns get in the Demolition act along with the Amateurs.

To see the Amateurs go slambanging around the track, crashing into each other and even rolling over, has begun to be accepted as part of these races — but when the "B's" and Moderns join in — this is something out of the ordinary.

In the Super Sports Feature, a new car, No. 11, (we believe,) did a "Coke-walk" down the stretch in front of the main entry it into the fence. The car reared back up in the air until the radiator was pointing at about an 80 degree angle to the sky and then went down the track quite a ways in this position before the (Continued on Page Three)

Turning Back The Pages of Andover History

(Taken from the Files of The Andover News)

50 YEARS AGO

July 3, 1914

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Miss Alyce Wyckoff and Glenn W. Swartz were united in marriage at the home of Mr. and Mrs. A. O. Camp Tuesday afternoon.

Mrs. Mary Broughan and Elery Cornelius were married at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Forest Gee June 20th.

Earl Schoonover of Jasper and Miss Mary Green of Andover were married at the Andover Baptist parsonage June 20th.

H. D. Rogers and Will Rogers have dissolved partnership in the automobile business.

Mrs. J. Harrington of Tulsa, Okla., and Mrs. Buffy of Scranton, Pa., were Friday guests of their sister, Mrs. E. S. Horan.

J. M. Brundage was a week-end visitor in Buffalo.

Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Richardson and son, Max, left for New York City and vicinity Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Forrest Gee attended the funeral of his grandmother, Mrs. Peter Costley in Stannards, Thursday.

Robert Stout returned to New York City Friday after spending three weeks with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. M. G. Stout.

Rev. F. M. Baker is in Buffalo this week with the Conference Quartette who have charge of the music at the International Epworth League Convention.

40 YEARS AGO

June 20, 1924

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Miss Anna May Joyce of Andover and Mark B. Loree of Arkport were united in marriage at the Sacred Sacrament Church, Wednesday morning.

Rebekah Officers installed Wednesday evening were: Laura Witter, N. G.; Iner Youmans, Vice G.; Jennie Smith, Recording Secretary; Florence Bines, Financial Secretary; and Emma Clair, Treasurer.

Clifford Burdick and family attended the funeral of his Aunt, Mrs. Arminda Byers at Alfred, Friday.

Mrs. Mary S. Wilcox died suddenly Thursday morning at the Wellsville Hospital.

Cashier and Mrs. A. D. Fuller returned Tuesday from a two months stay at Cuba Lake, where Mr. Fuller was convalescing from a serious illness.

Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Cannon and family left Tuesday by motor for Bronxville, where Miss Elizabeth will enter school.

Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Bundy of Dansville were in Andover Sunday to attend the funeral of H. P. Bundy.

30 YEARS AGO

June 15, 1934

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Mr. and Mrs. Leon Clair are the parents of a son, born Wednesday, June 6th.

Mr. and Mrs. John Fisher are the parents of a son born Saturday, June 9th.

Miss Mary O'Boyle is to be play instructor at the Allegany County Welfare Camp at Cuba Lake this season.

Mrs. John Common and Mrs. Richard Harder attended the graduation exercises of the University of Buffalo, Wednesday, where Robert Common was one of the graduates.

Mr. and Mrs. Ira Connors and family and Mrs. Orris Parker attended the Silver Wedding Anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Forest Gee at Cananda Sunday.

Ewin Baker and Mrs. J. E. Vincent motored to Rochester Tuesday. Misses Ella Baker and Gladys Lear returned with them having completed their Junior year at the University.

Mrs. Ora Baker, Mrs. Vilva Webster, Mrs. Hiram Boyd, Mrs. W. J. Alderson and Mrs. Edward Walsh motored to Buffalo Tuesday.

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