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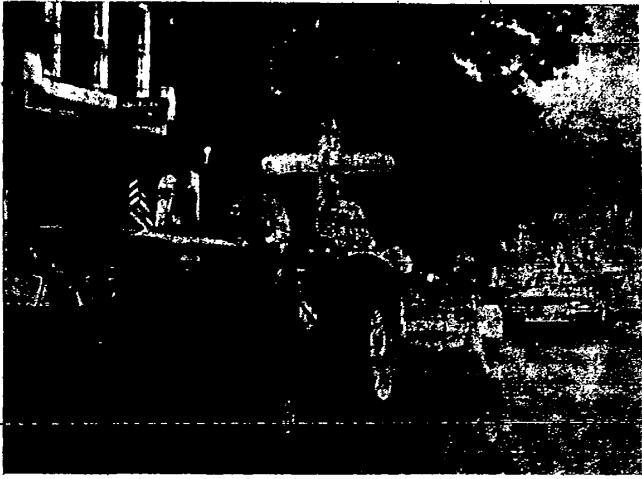
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Fourth Of July Celebration Revives "Old Home Town Spirit"



The First Presbyterian Church Float, "God's Helping Hand", winner of the First Prize. Photo by Wittie

The only words that can truly describe the "Birth of Freedom" Celebration in Andover on the Fourth of July is that the entire affair was a "Huge Success".

The day turned out to be a little cool and windy—but it was nice and bright—so it was ideal for the parade.

The "Bells For Freedom" started to peal out at 9:00 A. M., as scheduled and was an auspicious beginning for the day.

The Crowning of the Queen Ceremonies started promptly at 10:30 with the results being a complete surprise to everyone except the Judges and the Committee.

Radio Station WLSV of Wellsville, Ohio, broadcast from the reviewing stand in front of the local branch of the Citizens National Bank at 9:45 and broadcasted from then until 12:15, covering all of the ceremonies as well as the parade.

Mary Ellen Smith was crowned "Queen of the Day" by Village Trustee, Howard McAndrew, with Barbara Smith being named as 1st attendant and Vicki Woolworth selected as 2nd attendant. The contestants then rode in convertibles in the parade behind Parade Marshall, Fay E. Boyd, who led the Parade riding in another convertible.

The Parade which was scheduled to begin at 11:15, was held up a few minutes until the Allentown Yellow Jackets could don their uniforms as they were held up in traffic and arrived in Andover a few minutes late.

This year there were around 10 more units and floats in the parade than last year with a total standing around 40, which included Fire Departments from Scio, Allentown and Belmont as well as an additional musical unit, the "Yellow Jackets" from Allentown who certainly added more color and pep to the proceedings. The Greenwood Boy Scouts made a fine showing and of course the beautiful horses with their expert riders from the "Southern Tier Riders" of Wellsville together with the Ponies from the Lynch Pony Farm added more color and variety to the Parade.

We also understand that the youngsters especially, were thrilled when the M-41 Tank from Troop "C" the Armored "Recon" Company in Hornell, a Unit of the N. Y. Army National Guard, came roaring down the street with a jeep escort. In an interview with Captain Hand, Commanding Officer, on his arrival in Andover, we were informed that he had started out from Hornell with two tanks but that one of them had an oil line burst and had to be parked along the road between Alfred Station and Andover until necessary repairs could be made.

This was certainly a rough

break for the 11 National Guardsmen as their participation in the Parade was strictly on a volunteer basis and done with out pay or allowances and repairs of this type take a great deal of time and hard labor as well as technical knowledge.

The Presbyterian Church Float, "God's Helping Hand", was the 1st Prize Winner; with the Baptist Church Float, "Pilgrims Kneeling at Prayer", taking Second Prize; and the Eastern Star Float with a replica of the "Liberty Bell" winning the Third Prize.

Last, but not least, we can't forget to mention the members of the Hornell Motorcycle Club that gave up part of their holiday in order to participate in our local parade. Its too bad that a course couldn't be laid out nearby so they could have put on a driving exhibition as it surely would have been exciting.

Many more spectators lined Main St., for the Parade than last year and judging from their applause were very well pleased with the proceedings.

Frank Cahill, General Chairman of the Celebration, reports that the sponsoring Andover Firemen served out a total of 480 Chicken Bar-B-Que dinners with around 30 people having to be turned away because the supply was exhausted and many more called in only to be disappointed. Last year around 340 dinners were served, so despite the fact that an additional 140 dinners were planned on, it still wasn't enough as no one dreamed that such a capacity crowd would be on hand.

The "Southern Tier Riders" put on a beautiful Horsemanship Show in the Cannon lot on Water St., with Alice Brown being the High Point Winner and receiving the 1st prize which was donated by the Farmers Feed Supply. This fine show drew many spectators who were thrilled with the many different kinds of races that were exhibited by these skilled riders and was certainly one of the highlights of the day's program.

Later in the afternoon a spirited ball game was played between a team composed of so called "Old-Timers" and the local Babe Ruth Team, with the "Old-Timers" winning by one run to avenge the loss that they suffered last year.

An estimated 2,000 cars lined the roads and were parked to capacity around the ball park and surrounding school grounds in the evening for the free Fireworks Display.

The Fireworks, lasting around an hour, were capably set off by Frank Cahill who was also assisted by "Jim" Gram, Clayton Barnee and "Dick" Schrader.

The Celebration Committee and all local participating units wish to thank everyone that helped to

News That's Print To Fit

Well, the 4th of July is over with for another year so now perhaps we can draw a deep breath and relax for 30 seconds or so. However, we felt that it was well worth the effort despite a few sour comments from "a select few professional kibitzers"! No matter how wonderful or successful any venture is — there are always a few that will sit on their hands along the sidelines—and do nothing but "gripe & bitch" about anything and everything. Seems like after a while they would even hate to look in a mirror for fear of what they might see staring them in the face.

If you don't think it was a hectic day for us you should have been a little shadow trying to keep up with us. When the CO of "Recon" Troop "C" in Hornell didn't show up at our house at a pre-arranged time, we started fretting and finally took off to meet them as we didn't want them to be late for the Parade. We finally met them just this side of Alfred Station coming along at a good clip—but with only 1 tank instead of the 2 that had been promised. In a hurried conversation, driving along at a 45 MPH clip, we found out that the other tank had started to throw oil by the time they reached Almond, so left it there with two jeeps to come on later if and when it could be repaired.

The small convoy arrived here with plenty of time to spare, but were unable to keep in radio contact with the rest of the unit due to the interfering hills. However, a passing motorist stopped and informed us that he had passed a tank along near Alfred Station that was heading in our direction so our hopes soared, but by Parade time it still hadn't arrived—so the show went on.

As soon as the Parade was over with, we took off in the News Office car in search of the "waylaid tank" and found it hadn't quite reached "Tip Top" before the 3 inch oil line finally blew out completely, stranding the "iron monster" partially in the road.

After much chasing back and forth, we finally managed to get the troops fed (with an assist from the Celebration Committee), and saw to it that they had the necessary tools to work with. However, since we were due in Olean at 9:00 to take pictures of the Beauty Contestants for the "Miss Olean Speedway" Contest, we finally completed our above obligation and left the boys to complete the repairs if possible. (Otherwise they faced the prospect of having to tow the disabled tank the 10 miles back to the Armory with the good tank.)

Incidentally, according to a report we just picked up, they finally got back to the Armory around 9:00 P. M.—but we still don't know whether it was under their own power or not.

Since we didn't leave Andover until 2:30, naturally we were late in getting to Olean so missed part of the program—and from then on through the rest of the evening—all of our luck proceeded along the same line—all bad!

First it started to rain while we were driving the Beauty Contestants to the Speedway in open convertibles—thus we had to stop and put the blooming tops up!

Then showers held the races up for a good half hour or better.

make this year's "Birth of Freedom" Celebration such a huge success and hope that everyone will get together next year for an even bigger and greater show.



The Baptist Church Float, "Pilgrims at Prayer", winner of the Second Prize. Photo by Wittie

"Jim" Jackson Receives County Award

At the Annual Convention of the Allegany County Volunteer Firemen's Association held at Bolivar yesterday, "Jim" Jackson was named "Fireman of the Year" for the County which leaves "Jim" battling—1,000% since he has already received this coveted award from both the Western and State Units.

It was also unanimously voted, to donate \$25 towards his expenses for the Convention, as well as have a collection taken up among members present which amounted to over \$65. "Jim" was given a standing ovation by all delegates and members present when his award was announced.

News Briefs Of Local Servicemen

Sgt. Ernest Burdick, son of Mrs. Ernest Burdick and the late Ernest Burdick of Elm Valley, retired June 30th after serving twenty-one years in the Army.

Pfc Burton C. Carver, Jr., of West Point, spent from Friday to Sunday guest of his father, Burton C. Carver, Sr.

Pfc Leo Burgett of Ft. Sill, Okla., is spending a 10-day delay en route with his grandfather, Ira Connor and other relatives before going to Ft. Dix, N. J., to report for service in Germany.

Pfc Manley George, stationed in Hawaii is spending a 30-day furlough at the home of his grandfather, Ira Connor.

New Arrivals

Mr. and Mrs. Francis Hart (Lucille Smith) of 175 Rauber St., Wellsville, are the parents of a son, born Wednesday, July 8, 1964, at the Jones Memorial Hospital. Mr. and Mrs. Donald Smith of Rochambeau Ave., are the maternal grandparents.

After the cars got under motion, we missed seeing "Corky" Hewitt driving No. 21, take a spectacular dive over the bank almost in front of us, and then we took a headlong nosedive while at a dead run which smashed up our new Camera, not to mention yours truly collecting assorted bumps and bruises, as well as having those nice white trousers, practically torn to shreds.

Oh well, suppose that's all part of the old game of life, and as long as no bones were broken, and the film wasn't ruined in the camera, we can't complain, too much—but we sure do hope that this streak of bad luck has been broken.

Father Dies

Peter Piano, 75, of Avon, died unexpectedly Wednesday morning July 8, 1964 at the Strong Memorial Hospital, Rochester.

He is survived by his widow, a daughter, Mrs. Sarah Schrader of Bailey St., Andover, and three other children.

Funeral services will be held at 10 A. M., Saturday morning at the St. Agnes Church in Avon with burial in Avon.

Little League All-Stars Take Scio 10-3

In the Little League All-Star ball game held Wednesday evening at the Smk and Diamond, the Andover All-Stars beat Scio 10-3.

Ricky Schrader started on the mound for the winners and Dick Joyce relieved him in the 4th inning.

Gus Shellman contributed three hits to the winning cause, while Mike Dugan and Dick Joyce added two hits apiece, with the latter hitting a home run.

The Angels and Yankees are tied for First Place with the Braves in 2nd and Mets in 3rd.

Library News

The following news books have been added to the Andover Library:

"The Wapshot Chronicle", by John Cheever
"The Wapshot Scandal", by John Cheever
"Von Ryan's Express" by David Westheimer

"The Spy Who Came in from the Cold", by John LeCarre
"Flood", by Robert Penn Warren

"The Wine Is Bitter", by Milton Eisenhower
"O'Kee", by Dorothy Wisbeski
"The Wasted Americans", by Edgar May

"Legion of Strangers", by Charles Mercer
"A Short History of Biology", by Isaac Asimov
"Propagating House Plants", by Arno & Irene Nehrling

"Creative America", by The Ridge Press
"The Doughboys", by Laurence Stallings

"Pearson of Canada", by John R. Beal
"Complete Guide to New York City", by Andrew Hepburn

Receives Award At Convention

Roland Kemp was awarded \$10.00 in the Black Model T, 1917 Ford in the 56 Antique Cars displayed in the Steuben County Firemen's Convention in Canisteo, this week-end.

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