

WHO SAID "IT COULDN'T BE DONE"?

An Editorial

The old Rhyme or Song—"They said it couldn't be done", ditto, etc., can certainly be cast back into the faces of the Dissenters against the Celebration, as Food — for — thought after viewing another 4th of July Celebration "pass by the boards" with a larger degree of success achieved than last year!

We can truthfully say that we felt richly rewarded for the time and effort that we expended on the "Birth of Freedom" Celebration when we saw the large and colorful parade; partook of the fine Chicken Bar-B-Que served by the Firemen; and then heard the favorable comments from many of the people that were in the large audience at the Fireworks display.

We believe that at least two thirds of the spectators as well as the participants in the parade, were amazed at the ingenuity and cleverness displayed by our local people that put forth so much time and energy in building up the pretty floats in the parade.

This year there were around 10 more units and floats in the parade than there were last year which certainly shows that the interest has grown on a healthy basis and shows great possibilities for the future.

Who would have dreamed that the Firemen would serve 480 chicken dinners in a 3-hour period, with anywhere from 30 to 100 people having to be disappointed when they were all sold out. In fact, we are told that many of the members that were working so feverishly to serve the dinners as fast as possible, ended up with nothing but a smell as the public was served first before they could pause to eat. This was around 130 more dinners than were served last year so it can be reasonable to assume that there were at last that many more people in the side-lines and parade or more.

The ball game between the Babe Ruth Team and "Old Timers" was exciting, even if it didn't meet professional standards, with the "Old Timers" winning a close game by one run and avenging the loss that they suffered last year.

As far as we have been able to determine, the organizations that operated concessions were rewarded with financial success with several of them selling out completely before the day was over.

The Fireworks Display was certainly a huge success and the local businessmen and individual citizens that contributed the money to purchase them should have felt a warm glow of self-satisfaction when they saw the huge mass of cars that were packed around the ball diamond watching the display, as well as enjoyed it themselves.

The contribution take up after the Fireworks was over with, was strictly on a voluntary basis and was for the purpose of helping to pay for the new Fire Truck — NOT — the Fireworks! It was announced over the Loud Speaker System as such—and consummated as such—despite any false rumors to the contrary!

The School Authorities are certainly to be commended on the splendid co-operation and help that they contributed as well as all of the people and organizations that took part in the Parade and the rest of the festivities.

We also think that the out-of-town organizations such as the Greenwood Boy Scouts, the Southern Tier Riders "Saddle Club" of Wellsville, the three outside Fire Companies, and the Yellow Jackets from Allentown are to be congratulated for their participation in the Celebration. To us, this spirit of good neighbors and helpfulness is what built this Country of ours into what it is today.

Last but not least, the "Birth of Freedom" Committee as well as the Committees from other Organizations that worked with them, certainly earned a huge pat on the back for all of the work done for this effort that helped make the whole day such a success.

Let's hope that now since the Firemen have the "ball rolling" it will be able to be kept rolling in the future!

"Red's" Racetrack Letter To The Editor

Hello again, all you faithful followers of the fastest growing sporting event in the country.

"Well, "Old Jupiter Pluvius" did it again over at Angelica Friday night which resulted in another "dry run" for some of the drivers and fans. Yep, we got rained off again so that the only racing results we ended up with was some "Pit Chatter" at some of the local Pubs.

However, Angelica Raceway Officials have informed us that they have decided to up the laps, up the purse and run an even bigger show this coming Friday night, July 10th.

They tell us that in addition to the 50 lap Modern Stock Trophy Race which will give defending July 4th Champ, Pete Tingué, a chance to add another cup to his "File of Tin" as well as cash to his pile of gold there will also be a 25 lap Claimer Division Trophy run as well as the regular card of heats and consolations.

At the Olean Speedway Saturday night, it looked as if the racing program was going to suffer the same fate as the evening before, as it started to drizzle from around 7 p. m., and kept it up till almost 9. However after waiting patiently (as well as other-wise), it finally cleared up and the drivers were able to dry the track off with a few minutes of running "en masse".

Ray Jordan of Cuba, piloting his No. 3, 1957 Chevy., put on a blazing exhibition of beautiful driving to lead the moderns for over 20 laps with Wood, No. 203 pulling out all of the stops to catch him. Finally, through a bad break, when Ray was held up by three cars on the home-stretch which he was trying to lap, Don managed to narrow the gap so that when Ray had to back off due to an overheating engine, Don drove under Ray on the No. 4 turn, scraping tin for a quarter of a lap, finally managing to get by to save his scalp on that \$100 bounty riding on his head.

Wood not only had his hands full with Jordan, but had all he could do to get by Corky Hewitt, No. 2T, driving his 1961 Ford, and Dick Anderson, No. 56, from Pike, in his 1961 Chevy. This was a complete reversal from last week when Wood completely lapped the entire field; this week, however, due to the stiff competition, it was all he could do to eke out his victory.

Among the highlights in the Modern Action, Ray Jordan won the first heat and Corky Hewitt, unfamiliar with the Olean Track, swung wide between the third and fourth turns, bringing the stands to their feet with his spectacular nose-dive over the bank-flying roughly 60 feet, landing on all four wheels.

Despite this spine-chilling episode, Corky had the nerve and intestinal fortitude, as soon as the wrecker towed his car back up to the track, to take a couple of test laps, and was back in at the restart of the race, finally having to pull out due to the resultant mechanical difficulties; however, after ironing out these troubles, he came back to win the consolation on top of a terrific battle with Dick Anderson, No. 56.

With a large field of Moderns competing, the entire modern class was packed with action. Numerous spectacular crashes resulted in cars being scattered all over the track and less than half the field finishing in the Feature.

In the "B's"—Bud Phearsdorf of Allegany, driving the Kemp Special No. 47, made it two in a row, thereby making himself the first driver to win three Super "B" Modified Features for the season so far at Olean Speedway. Sonny Haines, No. 29, of Salamanca, leading the Feature for four laps, lost the lead to Phearsdorf, but followed hot on his tail, passing him again on the tenth lap for two more laps until he was forced from the running because of a sheared axle. Joe Tomes, No. 18, of Olean, came in a close second, taking the checker side by side with Phearsdorf who nosed him out by a radiator cap. Olean's recent demolition derby

July 6, 1964

Dear Mr. Allen,
As Chairman of the 4th of July Celebration I would like to publicly thank you for the help you gave the committee and me.

The work you did is known by myself and those who worked with me. I feel that this letter should be printed so everyone in Andover will know as well.

The time you spent to collect the money which was spent on the fireworks display for one thing, as well as the help you gave me in writing up articles for other papers and seeing that they were printed.

Also the phone calls and personal calls to the National Guard that you made so that we would have a tank and jeeps in the parade.

To have your help and suggestions and just say thank-you does not seem enough. I hope this letter will show you how I feel for all the help you gave so freely.

Thank You
FRANK L. CAHILL
Chairman 4th of July Celebration

seemed tame in comparison with the Sportsmen Feature. Of the 24 cars which started, only ten ended up crossing the finish line. In this race, anything that could happen — did. Cars flipped at every corner of the track. The feature had to be restarted so many times that it was finally called complete on the 22nd lap when Bob Bowen, No. 18, of Ellicottville, spectacularly flipped his car on the No. 3 turn, taking the entire string of caution lights with him, knocking out the huge light pole, and plunging the entire pit area and backstretch into blackness, resulting in his car being cut completely into two pieces. He miraculously walked away from this nerve-rendering ordeal in a daze. Stunned, Bob was taken to the Olean General Hospital for a thorough checkup and released.

Last week's Feature winner, Gerspacher, No. 65, of Hamburg, soared through the air, landing in the marsh far below the first turn, and again due to Olean's strict safety regulations, he was able to walk away from the accident uninjured.

The remarkable evening's program was made possible, on the track management's part, by waiting out the early rain and threatening weather in order not to disappoint both the crowd on hand as well as the 62 cars that had towed so far for this night's program. It is the policy of the Olean Speedway to run off the scheduled evening's program even if it means waiting out the inclement weather for intermittent periods of time which is exactly what they did Saturday night. Three different restarts were made necessary because of showers which made the track too slick for racing.

Since Olean's formal invitation for the Moderns to compete in this Speedway's program, four weeks ago, their field has rapidly grown from less than a handful to this week's 25 entries, which shows that Modern Stocks are here to stay.

For a re-cap: In the Sportsmen's Division; Gerspacher, No. 65, won the first heat with Richard Kilgore, No. 88, taking the 2nd and Ed Schwanz, No. 50, the "Consy". In the Feature, Ron Kane, No. 555, came in first; Richard Kilgore, No. 88, was 2nd; and Joe Reynolds, No. 7, placed third.

In the Super "B" Modifieds, Sonny Haines, No. 29, won the heat; with Bud Phearsdorf, No. 47, taking the "Checker" in the Feature; with Joe Tomes, No. 18, coming in second; George Schenk, No. 48; winning the 3rd slot; and Bill Brainard, No. 18, placing fourth.

In the Moderns: Ray Jordan, No. 3, won the 1st heat; Don Wood, No. 203, took the 2nd heat and Corky Hewitt, No. 2T, topped the "Consy". In the Feature — Don Wood, No. 203, came in first; Ray Jordan, No. 3, second; Bob Bigley, No. 7, third; Dick Anderson, No. 56, fourth and Corky Hewitt, No. 2T, placed fifth.
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Turning Back The Pages of Andover History

(Taken from the Files of The Andover News)

50 YEARS AGO

July 10, 1914

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Clarence L. Page and Miss Erma Blodgett were married Friday, July 3rd at the Baptist Parsonage.

John Mallory is again located at his stand in the O'Leary Blacksmith Shop. Mr. and Mrs. Mallory are welcomed back to Andover.

Miss Flora Livermore of South Hill and Lloyd Robinson of Canas-eraga were united in marriage last Thursday.

Frank Gallagher of Black Creek passed the week-end with his mother, Mrs. E. Gallagher.

Mrs. Estella Richardson is visiting her son, Clarke Richardson, at Galeton this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Padden and children of Buffalo are spending a few days with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Hubert Padden.

Mr. and Mrs. John C. Lever, Robert Dean and Miss Rose Doran went to Hammondsport Sunday to see the flyer and were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Scott Prest of Bath.

Dr. and Mrs. John Common are attending a meeting of the National Dental Association held this week in Rochester, N. Y.

40 YEARS AGO

June 27, 1924

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Mrs. Randall Pease, 75, died of blood poisoning which developed from a slight injury to her hand June 15th.

Professor Angelo O. Tucker, 73, died June 16th. Prof. Tucker was principal of Andover High School for three years. Surviving are his wife, a daughter and a son.

One Rebecca was killed Wednesday when his clothing caught in the clutch of an engine throwing him to the floor with such force as to crush his skull.

Seventeen high school seniors graduated from Andover High School Monday. They were Doris Baker, Sarah Bettinger, Elizabeth Cannon, Katherine Dean, Gertrude Flynn, Meta Harris, Virginia Hyland, Ruth Parker, Loretta Quigg, Marion Rogers, Angie Williamson, Alice Smith, Mabel Wagner, Ronald Gibbs, Richard Harder, Earl Hyland and Howard Leahy.

Mary Helen Pardon and Joseph Bellanca were united in marriage June 16th.

Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Burdick are the parents of a daughter, born Saturday morning.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Boyd and son of Genesee were week-end guests of Andover relatives.

Mrs. Ella Bundy left this morning for Utica, where she is a delegate to the State Christian Endeavor Convention.

30 YEARS AGO

June 23, 1934

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James D. Cheesman received his appointment as Andover's Postmaster Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Wilmer Atwell are the parents of a son, born Tuesday, June 19th.

Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Spicer are attending the Annual Dairymen's League Convention at Syracuse as delegates from the Andover League.

Mrs. Walter Harris of Buffalo spent Monday and Tuesday guest of Mr. and Mrs. John Burns and family.

Mr. and Mrs. John Boyd and daughter of Spruce Pine, N. C., are spending the week with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Parker.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Harder were week-end guests of Miss Margaret VanOrder in Syracuse. Mr. and Mrs. Edward Dougherty and children of Buffalo visited Mr. and Mrs. George McAndrew over the week-end. Miss Elizabeth Dougherty remained for a visit with her grandparents.

Dr. William McAndrew has returned to his home in Oil City, Pa. after a visit with his mother, Mrs. W. J. McAndrew.

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