

WHERE'S ALL THAT SPIRIT FOR THE 4TH?

An Editorial

For the past 2 years, Andover has had a Fourth of July Celebration with a parade, program, ball game, fireworks — and the works!

This year, another Gala Celebration is planned for our National Independence Day here in our own "Home Town".

A great deal of planning as well as a lot of effort has gone into laying the foundation for this Celebration. Now, — time is running short — with the big event less than 3 weeks away!

However, for some reason or other — bad weather — busy times — or what, the spirit of co-operation seems to be somewhat lacking.

The Queen Contest has very few entries so far — in fact, in discussing this situation with the committee today, we were told that the entry deadline has been extended until June 25th to give all those beautiful, would-be contestants, ample time to comply with the requirements for entry — without hampering their school exam efforts.

Many local Organizations have already pledged floats for the Parade — but several haven't been heard from yet. This year especially — everyone should be getting into the act since the theme of the floats is to be patterned after each unit's own idea of representation.

There is still an open spot for an organization to sponsor an ice cream stand for the days festivities. (First come, first served basis—to contact Merle Fox.)

The Fireworks Fund is progressing nicely, with enough contributions already in or promised, to assure the public of at least as good a display or even better one than last year's.

The original suggestion by Rev. Cross that the Church bells be rung for several minutes to open the Fourth of July program was passed as a resolution by the Congress of the United States of America stating: "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 was not a new one, since it has a historical concept dating back as far as 1776 when John Adams wrote to his wife from 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. Locally, our Church bells will be rung starting at 9:00 A. M., July 5th to signify the beginning of the day's program.

We were pleasantly surprised and very pleased when we first heard of plans for a Fourth of July Celebration three years ago. It had been many years since Andover had seen a parade and program scheduled with a fireworks display as the climax. Many of our children hadn't even seen a fireworks display!

We are glad that the Firemen "took the bull by the horns" and have gone ahead for the last three years to sponsor the Celebration and are sure it has been a much bigger success than was anticipated.

Won't you all join in this year to make this Celebration an even bigger and better one than in previous years?

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50 YEARS AGO

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Mrs. Sylvia Mourhess was elected President of the WCTU at their Annual Meeting held last week.

The new horse barn owned by Charles Lynch, just west of Andover, burned Saturday afternoon together with four valuable horses and thousands of dollars worth of farm machinery.

Alois Kellenberger purchased the Mrs. Nellie Crandall property corner of Barney and Water Sts.

Mrs. George Swain returned to her home in Wellsville Wednesday after spending several days visiting her mother, Mrs. Ralph Kemp.

Miss Ella Riley has been visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. N. Riley of Genesee, Pa.

Mr. and Mrs. Will Clarke have returned from a week's visit to his former home in Crawford County.

Mrs. Roy Nichols of Cuba came Wednesday to visit her parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Cochran for a few days.

Mr. and Mrs. George Machmer and daughter of Collins Center motored to Andover Thursday and are guests at the home of their daughter, Mrs. C. M. Lash.

Sgt. and Mrs. Elmer Kemp arrived in Andover Friday from Honolulu and are visiting her mother, Mrs. Flora Bess and other Andover relatives. Sgt. Kemp is on a four months furlough.

Mr. and Mrs. E. D. Baker and family returned with Mr. and Mrs. A. D. Wilcox of Hornell, left Friday and will pass the week-end at Batavia, Niagara Falls and Buffalo.

40 YEARS AGO

June 12, 1925

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Mr. and Mrs. Michael Lynch are the parents of a daughter, born June 7th.

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Temple are the parents of a son, Arthur Ralph born Thursday, June 4th.

William Burger, Sr., died Wednesday June 10th at his home near Andover. His widow, a daughter, three sons, his mother and a sister survive.

Miss Sylvia J. Hardy R.N., is home from her work in New York City to spend the summer with her mother, Mrs. G. A. Hardy.

Mr. and Mrs. James J. Dager of Hornell were week-end guests of Mrs. Ellen Walsh.

Miss Celia Smith is home from Rochester, where she is in training for a nurse, for a two weeks vacation with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Smith.

Miss Sylvia Reiss arrived in Andover Wednesday to spend a three weeks vacation from her training in Lenox Hill Hospital, New York City, with her grandmother, Mrs. G. A. Hardy.

Mrs. Delia Hunt returned Sunday from a visit at the home of her son, Mr. and Mrs. George Hunt and little son, who has recently arrived at their home in Rochester.

Miss Alice Hower of Andover and Ray Hamchar of Dansville were united in marriage Thursday June 4th.

Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Robinson entertained their sons and families at a farewell dinner Thursday for Mr. and Mrs. Harland Robinson and family, who are leaving Friday for their home in Mid West, Wyoming after passing six weeks with friends and relatives in this area.

30 YEARS AGO

June 14, 1935

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Wm. A. Lang was duly elected Commander of the Thomas M. Lynch Post No. 397, American Legion, Thursday evening.

Lorraine Burdick, 12-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Burdick, died Thursday morning from injuries sustained when she was struck by an automobile in front of her home in Railroad Val-

"Red's" Racetrack Rambles

At Bradford Thursday night, the track was in swell shape but the weather sure wasn't. In fact, it was so cold there in the infield that the photographer's hands were numb before intermission rolled around. Luckily we had a ski jacket in the car that fitted under the white jacket worn by yours truly, so that improved things during the features.

Despite the cold weather, a good crowd turned out and viewed the best racing card of the season that was really filled with plenty of action.

This seemed to be the night for the Moderns to have their problems and started out in the first heat when No. 1, Paul Bigley rolled over on the No. 2 turn which halted the race and called for a restart. The driver apparently wasn't hurt and the car wasn't so badly damaged but what it could be driven off the track after it was rolled back on its wheels.

During the Modern "Consy" No. 76, Bob Shunk, from Smethport rolled over on the back-stretch after encountering difficulties on the No. 2 turn while 2 other cars tangled near the No. 3 turn and came into the infield, chasing the assistant starter out of his position along the track. Yours truly got a shot of this action with the flash showing up No. 76 rolling over on the back-stretch, and again the driver, Bob Shunk, emerged from the car unhurt.

The Amateur Feature was a battle royal between No. 99, Larry Swander, and No. 14, Dutch Strang, with the boys crossing the finish line in that order with No. 14 right on Larry's rear bumper.

The Modern Feature saw a newcomer, No. 3, J. Plyler, from Caster City, take the checkered flag in a torrid battle after several of the favorite cars including No. 37, Jim Hakes, were involved in crack-ups and had to drop out of the race.

The Powder Puff Derby was rather tame in comparison as the "Gals" didn't do too much "Hot-rodding" and thus weren't involved in any crack-ups with Betty Elder, No. 54, coming in for an easy victory.

For a brief re-cap of the races: ley Wednesday evening.

Charles Francis Halsey and Miss Gertrude Perry, both of Andover, were united in marriage Saturday June 8th by Rev. A. D. Shepard. The attendants were Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Halsey.

Mrs. Betsy Clark, 76, daughter of Wm. and Ruth O'Dell, died May 31st.

Miss Ella A. Baker, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. D. Baker, will graduate Monday, June 17th from the University of Rochester.

Miss Florence M. DeRemer daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John DeRemer, will graduate Monday June 17th with a degree of Bachelor of Science in the College of Home Economics at Cornell University.

Mrs. Robert Church entertained her Tip Top school pupils and their parents to a picnic and entertainment at her home Friday afternoon.

Mrs. R. A. Clarke of Independence was in Greenwood Tuesday and Wednesday caring for her daughter, Mrs. Lewis Waters and baby son.

Mr. and Mrs. Donald Cheesman of Greenwood Hill were on a motor trip thru Maryland over the week-end.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Barrows of New York City arrived in Andover this week and are occupying their home on Main St., for the summer.

Mr. and Mrs. Dewey Northrup and family spent from Friday until Monday at Forkston, Pa., called there by the death of his mother, Mrs. Emma Lewis.

Miss Mary Monica Lynch is home after completing the first year of her college course at Mercyhurst College at Erie, Pa.

Orren Meade of Bradford, Pa. visited at the home of his sister Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Slocum Saturday and Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Williams attended the graduation exercises at Alfred Monday, where their nephew, Ralph Williams was one of the graduates.

In the Sportsman's Class—No. 58, Ed Armstrong, won the 1st heat; Flip Ball, No. 7, took the 2nd and Bob Flanders, No. 54, the "Consy". In the Feature—Larry Swander, No. 99, placed 1st; Dutch Strang, No. 14, 2nd; Dick Bell, No. 38, 3rd; Jerry Givan, No. G-3, 4th; and Dave Flanders, No. 54, fifth.

In the Modern-Class—Bill Bigley, No. 51, took the 1st heat; Jim Schimp, driving No. 26, won the 2nd; and William Dietz, No. 92, the "Consy". In the Feature: J. Plyler, No. 3, placed 1st; Bob Bigley, No. 7, 2nd; Jerry Schimp, No. 99, 3rd; Bill Bigley, No. 51, 4th; and Chet Smith, No. 202, 5th.

Friday night we went over to Angelica for the 1st time this year and it sure seemed kinda good to be "back home", since this is where we first started taking pictures several years ago.

Tingue, Clark, Flagg, etc., weren't there—since they have moved on to a different circuit, but the races and show put on were just as exciting, thrilling and colorful, with a good field of Moderns on tap. Of course, most of the Sportsman Class were there with a sprinkling of new faces added this year.

In this so-called "claimer-car" class, Herby Layfield, No. 48, is back to his old crowd pleasing tactics of starting at the rear of the pack, working his way up thru and then come romping home with the checkered flag. This time, Herby had some pretty tough competition in the Amateur Feature with Wayne Milliman, No. 04, and Don Halladay, No. 11/16, really giving him a battle royal so that he wasn't able to take the lead until the last few laps of the race. Of course, once Herby gets into the lead—it would take an Act of Congress, an earthquake, — or a dead motor, to force him to give it up as we have never seen anyone get more pure enjoyment out of winning a race—no matter how big or small—than Herby.

In the Modern Class, several of the favorite cars ran into bad luck during the semi-features with Jim Hakes, No. 37, and Fred Gilbert, driving No. 203, being forced to drop out of one semi, and several others not being able to come out for the feature. Bud Perkins and his classy looking No. 57, took a ride over the bank between the No. 3 and No. 4 turns during the feature which made a re-start necessary, but was able to drive it back onto the track and finished the race. Fred Gilbert, No. 203, had a rather rough time working his way up through the pack in this race—but once he took over the lead there was no stopping him and was able to come in for an easy win.

For a brief run-down on the racing results: In the Sportsman Class—Wayne Milliman, No. 04, from Little Genesee took the 1st heat; Herb Layfield, No. 48, from Allentown, took the 2nd heat; Bob VanMame, from Mt. Morris took the "Consy"; and in the feature—Herb Layfield, No. 48, placed 1st; Don Halladay, No. 11/16, came in 2nd; and Wayne Milliman, No. 04, was 3rd.

In the Modern Class—Willis Dietz, No. 92, won the 1st heat; Fred Gilbert, No. 203, took the 2nd; Bud Perkins, No. 57, won the 1st Semi; Jim Quant, No. OK, from Wellsville, was 2nd; and Basil Schutt, No. 13, also from Wellsville was 3rd. In the 2nd Modern Semi—Willis Dietz, No. 92, from Bradford, Pa., took 1st; Bob Bigley, No. 7, from Smethport, placed 2nd; and Bob Williams, No. 52, from Woodhull, was 3rd. In the Feature—Fred Gilbert, No. 203, was 1st; Bob Bigley, No. 7, 2nd; and Jay Plyler, No. 8, from Caster City, Pa., 3rd.

At the Sportsman's Raceway Saturday night, the racing fans saw a real action packed card with plenty of thrills and chills.

In the Sportsman Class, Warren Kinney, No. 76, was caught in mid-air upside down, by yours truly and his faithful "Rollei", as Warren rolled his car completely over on the No. 2 turn. After emerging from the car with only bruised shoulders, the driver told us that he had always been against using the shoulder harness safety equipment but after this accident—he could really thank his lucky stars that he had been forced to use it.

In the feature, Herby Layfield,

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