



WHY CELEBRATE OUR 150TH BIRTHDAY?

One hundred and fifty years ago, on March 2, 1824, Thaddeus Baker, Supervisor, convened the first meeting of the Andover Town Board. Amherst Kingsbury was Town Clerk, and recorded the minutes of this first meeting. Caleb Kingsbury, Hazard P. Clark, and Luther Strong were the Town Assessors; Joel Norton, Ichabod Babcock, and Horace Mallory were Commissioners of Highways; Joseph Clark and Caleb Kingsbury acted as Overseers of the Poor; Luther Strong, Barnabas Reid and Asa Allen planned the School System as Commissioners of the Common Schools; and Asa Allen, John Baker, and Barnabas Reid were Inspectors of the Common Schools. Roswell Adams was Collector of Taxes (a brave man even in 1824) and Roswell Adams, with the help of Jacob Clark, enforced the peace as Constables.

These founders of our community have long since departed our Town and Village. Yet, the pride and character which they bequeathed, are an integral part of our community.

Most of us still believe (despite some County, State & Federal Legislation) that a man has the right to stand on his own two feet and chart his own course. We are proud of Andover and its history. What better way to commemorate our founding 150 years ago than a gigantic week-long Community Celebration?

WHEN WILL IT BE?

A tentative program of special events has been scheduled from August 11 through August 17.

SUNDAY, AUG. 11
Sesqui-Centennial Week Begins
"Faith of Our Fathers" Day

MONDAY, AUG. 12
Official Opening Day Program
Climaxed by "Coronation of the Queen"

TUESDAY, AUG. 13
Ladies Day or "Sesqui-Belle" Day
Judging of entries in Baking Contest, Style Show, Gown Judging, etc.

WEDNESDAY, AUG. 14
Youth and Agriculture Day
Youth Day Parade, Exhibits of Modern and Past Agricultural Machinery.

Little League Baseball Game, Teen-age Dance

THURSDAY, AUG. 15
Men's Day
Sidewalk Bazaar Day Sales
Promenade of "Brothers of The Brush"

Final Kangaroo Korte, Judging of Bands

FRIDAY, AUG. 16
Sesqui-Centennial Ball Day
Sidewalk Bargain Day Sales
Sesqui-Centennial Ball

SATURDAY, AUG. 17
PARADE DAY
Mammoth Parade
Gigantic Fireworks

HOW WILL WE MAKE IT POSSIBLE?

A non-profit corporation, Town and Village of Andover Sesqui-Centennial Committee, Inc., has already been formed to manage and coordinate the celebration activities.

WHAT WE MUST REMEMBER!

This is not a case of a few individuals trying to do a great deal of work for their own profit. This Celebration will involve a great

WANTED!!!

"Old" people — or New — and young ones who can — and will — help us write individual family histories for our "Sesqui-Centennial history book."

Many of you will be receiving letters asking for certain family lines to be traced back and recorded. Please give us your utmost cooperation. We want a History Book of Andover that will truly be a fitting tribute to all who have preceded us in this territory.

Those of us who live here and still carry the same blood will be specially proud, of course, and all others who live in Andover will find new reasons to know why they like it here.

We have tried not to omit anyone who is descended from the originals in any way. Humans do err, however, and if we have inadvertently omitted your particular family line of descent, please tell us, write it anyway, and above all, forgive the error. We want as complete a history as possible.

Thanks to each one of you who will write — or maybe you can tell a story to someone else who will do the writing for you.

Also, a special thanks to all who indicated the various committees on which you would like to serve on at the recent public meeting. And, for those that didn't indicate a preference — it is not too late to volunteer!

Next general public meeting is Monday, February 18th at 8 p. m. at the A.C.S. Cafeteria. Please — Y'All come.

many of our people; groups and individuals; industries and merchants, and each doing a little for the grand effort.

WHERE DOES THE MONEY COME FROM?

Income is derived from many sources. Admissions to the historical events, sale of wooden nickles, sale of an historical book, special permits, concessions, celebration hats, and other assorted income will fully finance the Celebration. Any surplus will be donated towards the cost of the new Andover Medical Center.

WHAT CAN YOU DO TO SUPPORT IT?

Why do we need Membership Support? Because to get the 150th Anniversary rolling before these items go on sale, initial working capital is necessary. This "working capital" is money needed for purchases of goods and services, such as stationery, concentrated publicity campaigns, distribution of material, programming events, etc.

Your share in this initial support will be in the form of a loan — NOT A CONTRIBUTION! You are being asked to buy shares in the Anniversary Celebration at \$1.00 per share. You may purchase as many or as much as you desire. Such shares or memberships will make fine gifts for, in a sense, you are giving a cash gift.

These shares or memberships in the form of Participating Certificates, will be sold by Anniversary Celebration Solicitors on a house-to-house canvass and to the merchants and industries beginning February 8, 1974, and also will be available through the Celebration at the Celebration Headquarters.

A purchase of 50 or more shares, entitles you to membership in the "FOUNDERS CLUB" and all of the rights and privileges of the "Founders Club", including automatic dismissal of all fines and charges levied by the Kangaroo Korte.

Won't you please join us in becoming one of the Boosters of the Andover Sesqui-Centennial Celebration and be a participating member in this grand community event? A successful start to this mammoth undertaking is the surest way to make this historical occasion one we will all remember.

GERALD L. MCCARTNEY
Chairman
Working Capital Committee

The Mayor's Column

by Jim Bliss

Monday's blackout pointed out the need to replace the outdated equipment at the substation. It appeared that moisture penetrated an insulator, which exploded cutting out the power to one transformer. Our decision, last summer, to build a new substation appears to have been none too soon.

The blackout also showed the need to develop a system for letting the people in the community know what is happening. The local radio stations are off the air after dark. I tried to inform everyone of the situation by using the loud speaker on the police car. We covered every street in Andover in about 30 minutes. Friday we will make a telephone survey of the community to see how many people heard and understood our message. If any of you have other ideas on ways of communicating we'd certainly like to hear about them.

I would like to thank the Village Crew for the speed with which they repaired the break. I would also like to thank the Firemen for standing by and providing needed light on the repair area.

We just received word from the New York State Office for the Aging that the Village of Andover is eligible to receive \$61, for programs for the Senior Citizens. This is a 50-50 program which means that the Village will have to spend \$122 then have \$61 reimbursed by the State. The amount was calculated at \$1 for every four persons over 60 years of age.

Many people are asking about the Joyce Hotel. The Board is working on the problem and hope that it will be taken care of in the near future.

The rest of Main Street is continuing to improve. K-D put a new front on their building and we have a new dress shop about to open.

New Lunch Ticket Program At A.C.S.

On February 4 lunch tickets will be available for students in Kindergarten through 6th Grade. They are for 5 school lunches at a cost of \$1.75.

It is felt that a lunch ticket program has many advantages:

1. Less loss of change by pupil.
2. Less time lost in the primary grades
3. The lunch line moving faster giving pupils more time to eat
4. An older child can purchase tickets for younger members of the family

A record will be kept to insure loss of a lunch ticket. They can be purchased each Monday. The tickets will be usable for as long as any 5 days children choose to use them. For example — a child wishes to bring his lunch on a given day and has a meal ticket, he can use the meal ticket another day.

This is a new program and it is hoped it will prove successful.

Golden Age Club News

The Andover Golden Age Club met Monday, January 21st at the Grange Hall with 32 members present.

The first meeting in February will be Monday the 4th. Bring a dish to pass and your own table service.

Those on the work committee are: the Ferrys, Ella Rick, and one or two of the Taylors.

Visitors are always welcome.

Goodwill Truck To Be In Andover Friday, Feb. 15

The Goodwill Truck will be in Andover on Friday, February 15. Please bring bags to the Methodist Parsonage, that week.

Appointments Made By Town Board

At the regular Town of Andover Board Meeting held Jan. 10th, 1974 at the Town Hall, two letters of resignation were submitted for valid personal reasons which were duly accepted by the Town Board.

The following appointments were made: Philip MacMichael, Tax Assessor, to replace George Clark who resigned; Gladys Fox as Town Clerk to replace Lorene McLean, who resigned; James Jackson and Ray Witter as Town Constables; R. J. Sootheran, Town Attorney; and Dr. Roger Blaisdell, Health Officer.

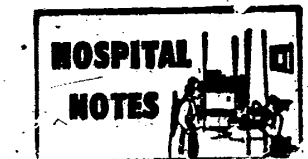
Masons Install New Officers

At the regular Communication of Andover Lodge No. 558, F. & A. M., held Monday evening, January 7th, the following Officers were installed for the ensuing year:

- Donald Thorp, Master
- William Pratt, Sr. Warden
- Allen Kruger, Jr. Warden
- Roland Kemp, Secretary
- Everett Clair, Treasurer
- Frank Russell, Sr. Deacon
- Donald Baker, Jr. Deacon
- Edward Van Stine, Sr. Master of Ceremony
- Dave Hardy, Jr. Master of Ceremony
- Paul Rickett, Marshall
- Richard Baker, Chaplain
- Paul Ordiway, Tiler

The following Committees were appointed:

- Brotherhood Fund, Clyde Yorton
- Committee on Ritual (Lodge Instruction), R.W. Fay Boyd, R.W. Everett Clair, R.W. Erwin Lewis
- Fellowship Committee, Wayne Carter, Erwin Lewis
- Sick Committee, Frank Russell, Stephen Paradzisk, Max Shea
- Finance Committee, Fay Boyd, Richard Baker, Donald Baker
- Boy Scout Representative, Dave Hardy
- Publicity, Paul Fickett, Stephan Paradzisk, Roland Kemp



Mrs. James J. Baker, a surgical patient in the Jones Memorial Hospital, returned home Wednesday, Jan. 30.

Mrs. Anna Murray a patient in the Jones Memorial Hospital, has been discharged.

Heather Cook, a patient in the St. James Mercy Hospital has been discharged.

Mrs. Alan Moore is a patient in the Jones Memorial Hospital.

Rescue Squad Public Appeal

The Andover Rescue Squad is making a public appeal for blankets to be used in the Ambulance.

Anyone wishing to donate a blanket is asked to please leave their contribution either at the Andover Bus Garage Office (next to Laundromat) or at the Andover News Office.

It would be greatly appreciated if the blankets are clean and in good serviceable condition.

Masonic Notice

There will be a tureen dinner Saturday evening, February 2nd, 1974 at the Masonic Hall starting at 6:30 p. m. for Masons and their wives as well as Eastern Star members and their husbands.

Please bring a tureen to pass and own table service. An entertainment program is planned.

"All Systems Go" For Maple Festival

Andover's ambitious Lions Club has set the wheels in motion for their Annual Allegany-Steuben County Maple Festival with the dates scheduled for April 6th and 7th, 1974.

At a meeting held recently in the Catholic Church Hall, Co-Chairmen Tom Smith, President of the Andover Lions Club, and "Red" Allen, Past President of the Club, discussed plans with other Committee members for this Gala Event to incorporate the entire Village with the main nucleus being centered at the Andover Central School.

George Brown, who has been Club Secretary since the Club was organized, has accepted the chairmanship of all concessions and displays that will be held at the School. He will be assisted by Ralph Searke, who will handle all dealer displays, crafts and hobbies, concessions, and model Steam Engine Displays inside the School; and Avery Mead who will coordinate all outside activities such as food concession stands, rides and games.

"Phil" Fitch will again coordinate all activities in the downtown area such as food concession stands and flea markets; Howard Burdick will handle all the antique car and machinery displays; with Larry Godown again taking charge of all maple product and honey sales.

Donald Baker has accepted chairmanship of the entertainment that will be held continuously throughout the Festival which will include: Barbershop Quartets, Bluegrass Music, Country Western Music, Olde Fashioned Music and Fiddling — and much, much more!

The Maple Queen Contest which should include contestants from practically every Village and Town in Allegany and Steuben Counties, will be under the direction of "Mike" Brace with the rules and prizes to be announced later.

Another organizational meeting is planned for Thursday, Jan. 31, 7:30 p. m., at the Catholic Parish with the Chairmen of other Committees to be announced next week.

Everyone interested in making this year's Maple Festival a "roaring success" is invited to attend.

Library News

The following Memorial Books have been added to Andover Free Library:

"Quiltmaking", by Ann-Sargent Wooster, in memory of Mrs. Beatrice Davis, given by Friends and Neighbors.

"Putting Food By", Ruth Hertzberg, given in memory of Mrs. Flossie White, by Anna W. McArthur Chapter No. 242, Order of Eastern Star.

"Pro Football Heroes of Today", by Berry Stainback, given in memory of Lyle Mulconery by Mr. and Mrs. Richard Schrader.

The following books are now available at Andover Free Library

"Knickerbocker's History of New York", by Washington Irving 1783-1859

"Peter Paul Rubens", by Samuel Edwards

New Arrivals

Mr. and Mrs. Girard Baumont (Mary Jane McCabe) of Andover, are the parents of a daughter, born Friday, January 25, 1974 at the Jones Memorial Hospital.

Lions Club Notice

The next regular dinner meeting of the Andover Lions Club will be held at the regular scheduled date of February 14th at the Andover Presbyterian Church Dining Room at the regular time of 7 p. m. sharp.

A Board of Directors meeting will be held on Feb. 11th at the home of Lion "Zeke" Shellman with interested Lions Members invited to attend.