

## WHO SAID "IT COULDN'T BE DONE"?

An Editorial

The old Rhyme or Song — "They said it couldn't be done," repeat, ditto, etc., can certainly be cast back into the faces of the Dissenters against the Fourth of July Celebration, as Food — For — Thought, after viewing the biggest Celebration "pass by the boards" since the Firemen started these Celebrations 12 years ago.

We can truthfully say that we felt richly rewarded for the time and effort that we expended on the "Good Old Days" Celebration when we saw the largest crowd of people lining the Streets for a Fourth of July Parade in the 30 some odd years that we have been here in Andover.

And, needless to say, we felt highly honored to be riding in the first convertible in the Parade as Parade Marshals, and felt thrilled from the friendly waves and greetings from our friends along the Parade Route. Then, what really surprised us was, that after finishing the route of march and walking down to the reviewing stand, we were still able to watch more than half of the parade as it went by.

We believe that most 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 for the parade and it certainly must have been difficult for the judges to decide upon the winners.

Of course we realize that many of the floats were the entries of Brothers of the Brush and Belle Chapters, but, only a portion of the Chapters were represented — so just imagine what the Sesqui-Centennial Parade will be like on August 17th.

Who would have dreamed that the Rod & Gun Club would serve 600 chicken dinners in less than a 2-hour period, with many people disappointed when they were all sold out? As far as that goes, who would have believed that all of the local non-profit organizations selling food would be all sold out before 6 p. m.?

The regular league baseball game between Bolivar and Andover was well attended and exciting — although the home team lost out by a score of 10-4. Then of course there were many softball games that were played all afternoon between the Brothers-of-the-Brush Chapters on both the Little League and the old Silk Mill Diamonds as part of their Round Robin Championship series. And, with the mercury hovering around the 92 degree mark in the shade, the water-fights supervised by the Firemen was very popular and lasted all afternoon.

The Fireworks Display was certainly a huge success and the local businessmen and individuals that contributed 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 and on both sides of most of the roads and streets all around the Andover area watching the Fireworks Display. In fact, as far as we know, Andover is the only place in this entire area that has had a Fireworks Display on the Fourth — year in and year out!

The contribution of over \$600 collected on a volunteer basis during the Fireworks was for the sole purpose of helping to pay for the Display and only covered a part of the expenses with the newly formed Fourth of July Celebration Organization having to come up with the rest of the money.

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.

Last, but not least, the newly formed non-profit Fourth of July Celebration Committee Inc., organization, headed up by Mel Mickle and Doris Ann Jackson that picked up the "ball" and kept it going after the Firemen's Organization dropped the Fourth of July Celebration, certainly earned a huge "pat on the back" for all the work done for this fine effort that helped make the whole day a success. And, needless to say, without the help of the other members of the committee as well as the assistance of the members of many other local organizations — the end results could not have been achieved!

Let's all give this new group all the credit that is



## 50 YEARS AGO

July 4, 1924

J. H. Backus, Publisher

A long range weather prophet, Herbert J. Browne predicts that 1924 would be a cold year with excessive rainfall along the Atlantic seaboard and a severe drought on the Pacific Coast, all of which has been true. Now he forecasts hot dry weather for July and August.

Garfield Caulkins enroute to Andover to visit his brother, Joseph on the J. C. Lever farm, was instantly killed July 4 near Alfred, when the motorcycle he was riding got out of control and smashed into a tree. He is survived by his wife and brother — Burial was in Wellsville.

The Men's Brotherhood Contest of the Methodist Church, was brought to a close Monday evening when the (Blues) entertained the winning (Reds) at a banquet held in the IOOF Hall. Lee Millsbaugh was in charge of the singing. H. E. Robinson, president of the Brotherhood, Hervey Thorne and Charles Stebbins, captains, presented interesting comments; Bud Trowbridge signed up the (Reds) in a comical song that was a hit. Miss Alice Rogers and Leonard Ruscitti rendered selections on the violin and mandolin with Miss Robinson at the piano as accompanist.

Strawberries promise a bumper crop this year.

Mr. and Mrs. Cecil L. Clark of Midwest, Wyoming, are the parents of a son, Ronald Herbert, born June 19. Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Clark are the paternal grandparents.

Mr. and Mrs. Mark Kemp welcome a son, Ronald, June 20 at the home of Mrs. Kemp's mother, Mrs. Floyd Clair of Belmont.

Donald Whitcomb left Thursday for Corning, where he joins the Corning High School Senior Class on their trip to Washington, D. C. and Atlantic City. He plans to visit his brother and wife, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Whitcomb at Harrisburg, Pa. Donald and Harold are sons of Mr. and Mrs. O. S. Whitcomb.

A. W. Barney has sold his fine farm in West Union to Charles Cornell of Whitesville, who will move there at once.

Charles Caple and George Blessing arrived in Los Angeles, California, June 21, making the trip of 5,837 miles in five weeks by automobile.

John Quigg has moved his family from the Williams property on Elm Street to the new home recently purchased from the Lanphere estate on West Greenwood Street.

Burrell Williams has purchased the J. L. Williams property on Elm Street vacated this week by John Quigg and plans to build his future home on this site.

Mrs. Gertrude Leonard and children of Olean, spent a few days with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. Osborn of Elm Valley.

Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Burdick, Mr. and Mrs. Jay Burdick and daughter of Elm Valley, attended the Hinchler Reunion in Caledonia, Saturday.

Carl Hann, vocal soloist, and Miss Alice Rogers, a violinist student of Madame June Babcock, were on the program of Miss Josephine Sone's Recital held June 26 at the Universalist Church in Hornell.

Mr. and Mrs. Forrest Gee and son, Floyd, Mrs. Mabel Gee and son, left Monday for Massillon, Ohio, where they will pass the week.

Miss Eleanor McPetridge, who was visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. C. McPetridge, left Tues-

## News From Albany

by Assemblyman James L. Emery

The Office of Assemblyman James L. Emery (R-Genesee) announced his schedule for the week of July 12th, as follows:

On Saturday afternoon, July 13, Mr. Emery will be attending Candidate's Day at the Ontario County Fair. That same evening he will travel to Belfast to help celebrate their sesqui-centennial and to take part in the parade.

On Sunday afternoon, July 14, the Assemblyman will be attending a dedication ceremony of the Livingston County Campus, health related facilities.

On Wednesday evening, July 17, Mr. Emery will be in Belmont, N. Y. at a picnic sponsored by the Livingston County Women's Republican Club.

day with friends from Buffalo on a camping outing in the Adirondacks.

Miss Ruth DeRemer is home from her teaching in Edox. Her sister, Miss Rena DeRemer, who has been enjoying a vacation, returns Monday to New York City to resume her training as a nurse at Lenox Hill Hospital.

## 40 YEARS AGO

June 22, 1934

J. H. Backus & Son, Publishers James D. Cheesman has received the appointment as Andover Postmaster for four years.

The Board of Supervisors of Allegany County, have been asked to let the taxpayers of the County to have a chance to decide by vote whether or not they want to become the ownership and responsibility of Cuba Lake.

The Woman's Relief Corps, Odd Fellows and Rebeccas observed their Annual Memorial as is customary on June 14, Flay Day. Mrs. J. Harvey Backus assisted by Mrs. Henry Livermore. The Roll Call of deceased members was read by Mrs. Pearl Mesler. Mrs. James McDonough presided at the piano. Hillside and Valley Brook Cemeteries were visited where a Flag and floral tributes were placed in memory of the deceased members.

The IOOF and Rebekah Lodges held their services at the Seventh Day Baptist Church and the Rev. Walter L. Greene D.D., gave the Memorial Message. Frederick Mulholland, Noble Grand, leading the Odd Fellows and Mrs. Marie Hammond, Noble Grand in the Rebekahs. Two numbers were rendered by a gentlemen quartet by Messrs. William Chasé, Lee Millsbaugh, John Croyle and Albert Wilson.

The Andover baseball team went to Scio, Sunday, where they took a trimming for the third time in a close game 5 - 6 in favor of Scio. Mr. and Mrs. Robert Dean moved from the Doran home on Chestnut Street to their new residence on Main Street.

Miss Lillian Weinbauer is ill at her home on Dyke Street. Mrs. William Lang is clerking at the Market Basket in her place.

Donald Mulconery was host to a party of little friends Thursday in honor of his birthday at their cottage on Dyke Creek.

Mr. and Mrs. Wilmer Atwell welcomed a son, June 19 at their home in Genesee, Pa. Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Green are the maternal grandparents.

The Wallace and Young Rennlor was held at the home of Ames Rogers and Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Waters on Rochambeau Ave., June 17. There were thirty-five members present.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Tassell of Independence, Mr. and Mrs. Leon Simkin of Elmira were callers at the Simkin home on Voorhees Hill.

due them — and assist them in keeping the "ball rolling" in the future!

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To The Editor:

The conduct of 12 of our duly elected County Legislators with regard to their approval of the County Office Building in Belmont is reprehensible. I take strong issue with not only what was done, but also the highly provocative manner in which it was handled.

When you fail to recognize to any discernible extent other than with inflammatory, destructive criticism the signatures of 985 people, I fail to see where they are acting "responsibly" and truly "representing the people". I also feel there are many more people who object to this project who have not yet to express their displeasure. These people I would like to hear from.

Since I have found myself on opposite ends of other issues with Legislators Lackey, Hasper, and Embser; and inasmuch as I happen to be one of those pessimistic, selfish signers of the petition, as well as witness to other signers, I strongly suggest that Mr. Lackey either name the person who made the fortune in Allegany County who never put a dime into it, or retract that statement publicly.

We have had more than enough of the "Public Be Damned" attitude; far too many high paying, fancy titled, soft, non-productive legislation; and most important far too little fiscal responsibility that John Q. Ppublic pays for.

The Potions of Poison Expertise advocated by so many of our Champions of the Poone invariably contain two main ingredients. Pass more money and we will lead you to the Promised Land! Hard work and personal initiative worked better for our forefathers.

Will the Buckingham of Belmont be built and will the taxpayers fund and finance a Bungling Bureaucracy of Belmont? The money already spent and voted for, is only a simple small beginning of a costly project; but if the Chairman of the Building Committee and the County Planner have to call long distance for that information, who will they call to find the answers to What Is The Total Cost and What Is The Un-keep?

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Saturday.

Mayor and Mrs. E. A. Mullen were business visitors in Cuba, Monday.

Miss Doris Dean spent Sunday at the home of John Dixon and family in Almond.

Mrs. Walter Harris of Buffalo, was a Monday overnight guest of Mr. and Mrs. John Burns and family.

Mr. and Mrs. John Boyd and daughter, Florence, of Spruce, N. C., and Miss Frances Boyd of Middleburgh, N. C., are spending the week visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Parker.

Mr. and Mrs. A. O. Kemp, Miss Marian Swarts, Oliver Kemp and Miss Margaret Powers motored to Purdy Creek, Saturday to see the damage done by the cyclone.

Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Donnelly of Bolivar, were Wednesday callers at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Victor Dailey and Mrs. Margaret Hallett.

Mr. and Mrs. George Carpenter and son left Sunday for Silver Lake where they will pass the summer at their cottage.

## 30 YEARS AGO

June 15, 1944

Claire C. Backus, Publisher

Mr. and Mrs. Allen Corwin of Wellsville, were callers at the home of Mr. and Mrs. George McAndrew, Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Maeder of Wellsville were Wednesday callers at the home of her sister, Mr. and Mrs. Nell Callaghan.

Mr. and Mrs. Clark Bridge and daughter, Lena Elizabeth, were Sunday guests of her mother and family, Mrs. Elizabeth Will of Shovel Hollow.

Mr. and Mrs. George Robinson  
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