

THE "SESQUI-CENTENNIAL" HISTORY BOOK

An Editorial

When the "Sesqui-Centennial" Committee was organized last fall it was decided that a "Sesqui" History would be in order and a committee of five local people were selected to "shape it up".

Other Communities in this area either have held or were scheduled to hold Celebrations this year — or in the near future so the History Committee decided that they would try and put out a real History Book — instead of an advertising program — with a little history thrown in. Thus it was decided to put out a public appeal to all local and area residents which would not only include the history of the Town and Village — but also the history of all the older families in the entire community.

These public appeals were made in the Andover News time after time asking for families to send in their own family histories or else call up a member of the history committee and make arrangements to give them the facts, dates, and figures — so that every family could be included. Requests were also made for the loan of old photos of the "days gone by" so that these could also be included in the History Book for reference of future generations.

A dead-line was set for June 1, 1974 requesting that all histories and photos be turned in to the committee by that time — and many local families co-operated. Others made promises, and promises, and promises!

In the meantime, on the recommendation of the History Committee, the "Sesqui" Executive Committee decided that the price of the History Books would be set at \$3 per copy and that there would be no ads mixed in thru the history — only a business directory in the back of the book with business listings costing \$10 each. Also, so that new families residing in the community could have a place in the book for posterity, it was decided to charge only \$3 for each family listing. — But, this was just a part of the business end of the project — along with taking orders for the forthcoming history books!

All winter, Margaret Wood collected and had news items, pictures, scrap books, and old histories scattered all around her living room in different categories — until they could be evaluated, sorted out, and transcribed. Bessie Mulconery, Iva Sisson, and Betty Lynch spent hours writing up histories of the Community, Business Places, Organizations and Families. A few families turned in their histories all typed up — others turned in information, and others made promises and promises.

Since Betty Lynch was a school teacher — and temporary out of a school while her tenure case was being settled in the courts — she was selected to correct and re-type the manuscripts for the publisher and the printer. This took weeks and weeks of typing and research to correct some of the errors in the historical facts, and dates, and have these stories co-incide with early histories of Allegany County.

Then came the large task of sorting out pictures that could be reproduced, restored and copied so they would be suitable for publishing, with "Dick" Wittie falling heir to this lengthy chore.

As the copy for the history book continued to grow and grow, the dead-line was extended until July 1st with the hope that all of the histories could be included in this historic publication. This is when we started to read "proof" on all of the copy to make corrections in the typing — taking the corrected copy to the printer. As soon as sections would be set into proofs they were brought home to be read and corrected — then up to "School Teacher Betty" to be double-checked, and back to the printer — with the corrections having to be read and then corrected.

With the book growing to 100 pages of history and pictures alone, it became evident that an index would be necessary — so-o-o, more precious time was spent than originally anticipated. And, when we finished taking the last bit of copy to the printer this past weekend, we were still waiting for a few stories that were promised.

Now, our monumetal task has been completed and the fate of our history book is in the hands of the printer. Hopefully it will be completed by this week-



50 YEARS AGO

August 8, 1924

J. H. Backus, Publisher

Mrs. Sara Updyke Rogers died August 2, 1924 at her home on Greenwood Hill, age 73. Her husband, Davis Rogers, died some time ago. Her son, Norman and wife lived with her. She is survived by a daughter, Mrs. Mary VanLelu; two sons, Will and Norman; three sisters, Mrs. Eliza Hamm of Elm Valley, Mrs. Eva Blackman and Mrs. Rachael Stephens, both of Buffalo and two brothers, Julius and Frank of Andover. Funeral services were held Sunday at the Presbyterian Church with the Rev. Royal E. MacGowan officiating. Burial was in Hillside Cemetery.

The Fourth Annual Burdick Reunion was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Menzo Burdick of Elm Valley, the first Saturday in August (2nd) with seventy relatives present.

An Ice Cream Social benefit of the American Legion Auxiliary was held on the C. E. Brown lawn, Saturday evening.

Mrs. W. F. O'Connell entertained a jolly bunch of ladies at a porch bridge party Tuesday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Reisman are parents of a 7 lb. baby boy, James Kenneth, born August 1.

James Wentworth is getting his supply of ice for his customers from Hornell. It seems strange with the splendid chance for harvesting natural ice from the Andover Ponds, that artificial ice must be drawn 18 miles to supply our Village.

Andover Grangers are to enjoy a weiner roast Wednesday evening, August 13th at the B. W. Conley farm.

The American Legion boys have been busy this week placing the sockets for the flag poles sold by them to the business places on Main Street.

Mr. and Mrs. Will Clark are both at the Steuben Sanitarium in Hornell for treatment. Mr. and Mrs. Lee Trowbridge are at the Clark home caring for Mrs. Clark's brother, Comrade C. W. Davis.

Mrs. Claire Backus entertained the Entre Nous Club at her home on Chestnut Street, Tuesday evening.

Mrs. J. L. Williams gave a party in honor of her niece, Miss Melba Harris, Saturday evening. Miss Harris entered the Bryant and Stratton Business College, August 4th.

Glen Ruger has been improving his residence on North Main Street by the building of a large porch across the front and an addition on the back of the house.

Mrs. Mary Simkin of Voorhees Hill, has been helping to care for Mrs. Sam Reisman and baby daughter who arrived Sunday A. M. and has been named Loretta Lucile. Both mother and daughter are doing fine.

Miss Grace Cole of Wellsville and Mrs. Charles Cole of Elm Valley, passed Tuesday afternoon with Mrs. Charles Howland.

end before the conclusion of the "Sesqui" Celebration — but, don't hold your breath!

We know that the book is more accurate than some of the stories that have appeared in print this week! (For example, Andover was named after a place in Vermont — not Virginia). And, with 100 pages of history — we know it is much more complete. We also know that it will be a wonderful bargain at \$3 per copy — and that there isn't another book like it in the world!

So, please be patient won't you? We feel it is well worth waiting for.

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News From Albany

by Assemblyman James L. Emery

The office of Assemblyman James L. Emery (R-Genesee) announced his schedule for the week beginning August 10th as follows:

On Saturday, August 17 — Mr. Emery will be in Andover to help them celebrate their Sesqui-Centennial. First, he will attend a luncheon at 1:00 noon. At 2:00 p. m., the Assemblyman will be participating in the parade and will conclude the celebration with a visit to the Hospital room.

Wednesday, August 21 — Mr. Emery will be in Belvoir attending the Allegany County Supervisors' and Legislators' Clambake.

Greenwood Street, July 10th.

Miss Cora Burdick of Platterson, N. J., is spending a two weeks vacation at the home of her uncle, Menzo Burdick of Elm Valley.

Doris Baker of Andover is spending the week with Edith Potter at Independence.

Mrs. Charles Clarke of Independence is spending her vacation with Mrs. Luella Campbell at Little Valley, N. Y.

Drilling is progressing on the deep well on the R. A. Clarke farm in Independence. They are down about 2500 feet.

Mr. and Mrs. Orris Packer were guests at the home of her daughter, Mr. and Mrs. F. L. Scott at Cuba, from Friday until Sunday.

Emery Hann of Norwich arrived in Andover Thursday for a visit with relatives and friends.

Mr. and Mrs. James Feeley of Detroit, Michigan, were week-end visitors of her mother, Mrs. Anna McDonough of Dyke Street.

G. B. Proper is visiting his daughter and husband, Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence King at East Elba.

Mr. and Mrs. D. L. Dunlap left for their home at Fontenelle, Iowa, Monday after several days visit at the home of her aunt, Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Hunt.

R. M. Barrett and daughter, Miss Mary Barrett and Frank Coyle of Buffalo visited Mr. and Mrs. John Joyce and Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Barrett on Corwin Hill over the week-end.

Elmer Church of Towanda, is visiting at the home of his brother, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Church and family.

Greenwood News — Mrs. James Banks, 49, died Wednesday. Mrs. Banks was born in West Greenwood the daughter of John and Marietta Osmin Rogers. Two daughters, two sons, a sister and two brothers survive. Funeral services were conducted by the Rev. Shirley Travis with interment in Bennetts Creek Cemetery.

Mr. and Mrs. Philo White are parents of a daughter, Betty Lou, born Monday, July 16th.

The Greenwood Methodist Church has installed a bulletin board in front of the church and have also built a new brick entrance to the church.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Miner spent several days last week in Bradford, Pa., visiting their daughter, Mrs. Jesse York.

Ernest Trowbridge spent Sunday and Monday in Buffalo with his sister, Mrs. Clara Emery.

Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Neu of Shinglehouse, Pa., spent last week with Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Krusen.

Mrs. Ora Woodward spent part of last week with Mr. and Mrs. George Caffery on West Hill.

30 YEARS AGO

July 27, 1944

Claire C. Backus, Publisher
Thomas M. Lynch Post No. 397, American Legion, elected the following Officers for the coming year last Thursday evening: R. O. Snyder, Commander; William Wooster, 1st Vice-Commander; Carlyle Myers, 2nd Vice-Commander; C. C. Backus, Adjutant and Finance Officer; R. E. Temple, Chaplain; John Dolan, Service Officer; Fay E. Boyd, Trustee; Harold Emery, County Committeeman. The Officers were installed by County Commander Carlyle Myers.

Earl J. Allen was elected President of the Andover Exchange Club at their last meeting. Other offi-

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