

101st Commencement Held at A.C.S. June 26

Baccalaureate Service

The Baccalaureate Service was held Sunday night, June 20, in the Auditorium. The A.C.S. Graduation Band played the Prelude and Processional after which the Rev. Francis J. Zmoyzinski delivered the Invocation and the Lord's Prayer. This was followed by the hymn, "God Of Our Fathers". The A.C.S. Mixed Chorus sang "God Bless America".

The Rev. Neil Strong then gave a very appropriate address and the audience sang "Come, Thou Almighty King". This was followed by the Benediction by the Rev. Francis J. Zmoyzinski and the Graduation Band played the Recessional.

48 Graduate At Saturday Night's Commencement

Graduation Exercises

The 1001st Annual Commencement of Andover Central School was held Saturday evening, June 26, in the school auditorium.

The Prelude and Processional were played by the A.C.S. Graduation Band, followed by the Invocation by the Rev. Ray Albough. Diane Bliss gave the Salutatory Address entitled, "Heart to Heart Then the Mixed Chorus sang "You'll Never Walk Alone".

Debra Buckwalter then gave the Valedictory Speech entitled "Backward Glances From The Year 2000".

Then Mr. Jordan presented the Awards, after which Mary K. Slade, President of the Board of Education, presented the following seniors with their diplomas:

- Debra Elaine Allen
- John Henry Atwell
- Gary Briggs Barden
- Diane Marie Bliss
- Debra Sue Buckwalter
- Lois Ann Clark
- John L. Davis
- Marcella A. Davis
- Edward D. Dougherty
- Susan Heene Egan
- Phyllis Mae Freeland
- Debra Kay Gavin
- Robin Diane Gaffers
- Russell Leroy Godown
- Dawn Elizabeth Greene
- Martin Trent Grossman
- Pamela Kay Grossman
- Ricky L. Hancock
- Brian Jay Halsey
- Breida Diane Haugh
- Robert Michael Hyland
- Andrew H. Jackson
- James Clare Jackson
- Terrance Lynn Patrick

McCormick

- Kevin Michael MacCrea
- Philip Jay MacMichael
- Lisa Louella Marsh
- Ronald John Nichols
- James Carl Pitts
- Douglas Alan Preston
- Robin Sue Reith
- John Michael Richardson
- Ricky Martin Rouse
- Dale Franklin Russell
- Steven Bruce Scott
- Kalvin Douglas Shaw
- Brian Kelly Shaw
- Teresa Louise Smith
- James Sparatta
- Robert C. Spencer
- Nancy Ann Stephens
- Cathy Lynn Swartz
- Raymond Donald Thompson, III
- Curtis G. Vars
- Christopher Lynch Wahl
- Robert Charles Wallace
- Melody Anne Weber
- Eric Charles Wilson

The Benediction was delivered by the Rev. Ray Albough, after which the A.C.S. Graduation Band played the Recessional.

The Following Awards Were Presented at Commencement June 26, 1976

English Award

Presented by Harry Joyce in memory of Helen A. Joyce and Marie Joyce Harvey to Seniors having the highest average standing in English for the four years of high school work, including Regents.

1st prize — \$15.00 — Diane Bliss — 91.75%

2nd prize — \$10.00 — Debora Buckwalter — 90.50%

American History

Awarded by American Legion and American Legion Auxiliary to the students having the highest average in American History.

1st prize — \$10.00 — Anita Winslow — 95%
2nd prize — Teresa Joyce — 94%

John Karcenes Memorial

Awarded by Mr and Mrs. Kearby Hames, Mr. and Mrs. Earl Norton and Mr. and Mrs. George Karcenes in memory of John Karcenes to the Junior with the highest average in American History, including Regents.

\$25.00 — Anita Winslow — 95%

Geometry

Awarded by Andover Masonic Lodge No. 558 to the students having the highest yearly average in Geometry, including Regents.

1st prize — \$5.00 — Marcella Smith — 92%
2nd prize — Rebecca Schweigart — 90%
3rd prize — \$2.00 — Brenda Empson — 88%

Freshman Award

Awarded by the Andover Grange No. 1098 to the most outstanding member of the Freshman Class — scholarship, citizenship, and activities considered.

Lisa Howland

Spelling Contest

Awarded by the Buffalo Evening News to the Champion Speller in the Junior High.

1st prize — Webster Dictionary — Deanna Sturdevant
2nd prize — Certificate of Honor — Carole Buckwalter

The National Society of the Daughters of American Revolution Having selected as the "Good Citizen" of the Andover Central School for the current year.

Debra Buckwalter

Bausch & Lomb Honorary Science Award

In recognition of superior scientific scholarship.
Curtis Vars

Muriya Conde' Award

Plaque engraved by American Legion in memory of Muriya Conde' to the outstanding athlete in consideration of scholarship, athletic participation and citizenship.
Gary Barden and Robert Hyland
Andover PTSSO Scholarship Award
Amounting to \$100 for the Freshman year. To be awarded at the beginning of the second semester of school.

Lisa Marsh

Bartz-Reil-Conde' Scholarship
Awarded to: Cathy Swartz
1st Alternate — Kelly Shaw
2nd Alternate — Robert Wallace
1976 New York State Regents Scholarship - Winners

The holder of one of these scholarships will be entitled to an annual award of \$250 to \$1000 for each of four years of his college course while attending any college in the State of New York approved by the Regents for this purpose.

WINNERS

Debra Buckwalter
Brian Halsey
Brenda Haugh
Lisa Marsh

ALTERNATES

Diane Bliss
Jay MacMichael
Curtis Vars

Frank McKibben Award
Americanism Plaque given by American Legion in memory of Frank McKibben.
Teresa Joyce

Liane Club Award

Awarded to Andover Central School student who plans to continue his or her education at a post secondary institution.
\$250 — Nancy Stephens

Marie C. McFadden Award
Presented by the family of Mrs. McFadden, former English and
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Allegany County's Official Bi-Centennial Fourth of July Queen is selected and crowned in opening Ceremonies held in Andover on the 5th of July by James Mulholland, Allegany County Treasurer and life-long resident of this Village.

(L-R) Kathy Cockle, Oramel, 18, Graduate of Belfast Central School, 3rd runner-up; Julie Bledsoe Fillmore, 17, Senior at Fillmore Central School, representing Hume 1st runner-up; Stephanie Seely, Little Genesee, 17, Senior at Bolivar Central School, 1976 Queen; Ella Billings, Andover, 17, Senior at Andover Central School, 2nd runner-up.
Photo by Hopkins

The Mayor's Column

by "Mike" Brace

The Parade Committee and the Bicentennial Commission deserve a round of applause. The activities celebrating the Fourth of July were a huge success. Special tribute has to be paid to the leaders of the Parade Committee and the Bicentennial Commission. Their diligent efforts paid off in one of the finest celebrations in the history of Andover. Organizations that participated in the events demonstrated the same spirit that has made America the finest place in the world to live.

I might add that I appreciate the efforts of "Red" Allen and "Mel" Mickie. Early on the following morning, both conferences and tours were held in assessing the impact of the celebration on the community. We were particularly impressed with those organizations that took a few moments and policed their areas of utilization. I thank you very much, for this helped to facilitate the rapid removal of waste.

The Planning Boards have been busy during the hectic times before the Fourth. The Village Planning Board held a meeting on June 21 to discuss the procedure surrounding applications for the various Federal Funding programs. One of the biggest pitfalls is to expect immediate monies from our efforts. We must be cautious of this attitude, for it is an unreal expectation. Continuing with the process of planning and participation, the Town and Village Planning Board will be meeting in a joint session on July 8.

I imagine that most of the residents have noticed the painting of the fire hydrants. The Girl Scouts and the Leos contributed both time and money to this project. Much effort has gone into the work, and recognition must be given to these citizens.

Congratulations to Ella Billings for being Andover's Queen in the Celebration. Her Court included Wendy Cahill, Christine Lounsbury, and Nancy Stephens. Their participation added a lovely touch to the festivities.

The Summer Playgroup will be starting soon as the Staff, under the direction of Judy Bliss, has been hard at work with plans and preparations for the coming season.

Bi-Centennial and 4th of July Parade Biggest In History

The joint Bi-Centennial and 4th of July Parade held Monday which had received the Official Sanction of Allegany County, was the biggest Parade in the History of Andover according to many spectators.

The Parade itself took two hours from the time it started until the "Go-Carts" cleared Main Street after their highly entertaining performance.

The 140 Unit Parade was a few minutes late in getting started by the Crowning of the Queen Ceremony was held up 15 minutes waiting for the bouquet of flowers for the Queen and the courage for the Attendants as well as the "posies" for the VIPs and then another short pause to pick up the "Crown". However, once this was straightened out, the crowning of the Queen and the Flag Presentation by Congressman Lunding went off like clock-work and the parade got off to an auspicious start as Frank Cahill, Bob Howland and others holding in the line up had things all lined up and ready to go.

The Parade moved along in fine order with many beautiful floats, fine musical units, and many more fine Firemen's and Auxiliary Marching Units and Fire Truck Units. And as a result of the many entries in the Parade it took the Judges around 2 1/2 hours to determine the many winners in the various categories.

The following is a list of all the winners:

High School Bands — Cash Prize — 1st Bolivar; 2nd Greenwood; 3rd Whitesville; 4th Belmont

Drum & Bugle Corps — Cash Prize — 1st Dansville White Sabres; 2nd Barons of Steuben; 3rd Wellsville Blue Devils

Special Music — Cash Prize — Allegany Highlanders, 1st place in this category

Color Guards — Trophies — 1st Canisteo; 2nd Wellsville V.F.W.; 3rd Andover Legion

ATT. TROPHIES —

Firemen, Most in Line, Wellsville; Firemen's Auxiliary, Most in Line, Wellsville

Firemen, Coming Longest Distance — Fillmore

Antique Fire Equipment (Special Awards) — 1st McEwan hand-drawn, Pumper; 2nd Genesee 1872

Pumper
Fire Equipment Steam Engine—
Friendship

Firemen Marching Units, Best Appearing — 1st Bolivar; 2nd Andover; 3rd Scio; 4th Belmont

Auxiliary Marching Units, Best Appearing — 1st Bolivar, 2nd Wellsville; 3rd Scio; 4th Belmont

Fire Trucks, Best Appearing — 1st Alfred 2 E 57; 2nd Alfred Station 2 E 6; 3rd Scio 2 E 36

Floats: Theme — 1st Harnell ROGERS; 2nd Presbyterian Church, Andover; 3rd Country Kid; Belmont 4-H; 4th Andover Parade Committee

Best Appearing — 1st Wellsville Town & Village; 2nd Citizens National Bank; 3rd Wellsville Itelbakas; 4th N. F. O.

Most Original — 1st Belmont Eastern Star; 2nd Wellsville Boy Scouts, Troop 733; 3rd Andover Lions; 4th Deer Run Camp Ground

Antique Cars — 1st Buick, Max Wilkins; 2nd Oakland, 1928; 3rd Chevrolet, 1941, Ray Witter

Boy Scouts — Wellsville Marching Unit
Girl Scouts — Scio

Miscellaneous — 1st Burdick Musical Truck; 2nd Bill Greene, Town Crier; 3rd Jimmy Walker, on Stilts; 4th Birthday, Cake, Amity

Horse — 1st Roy Gay; 2nd Bonnie Cooper

Horse & Wagons — 1st Don Heers; 2nd Fosters

An hour-long Fireworks Display, fired by Frank Cahill, concluded the weekend long festivities. An aerial show, with the exception of the American Flag for the Grand Finale, was selected this year due to several reasons — the ACS Grounds had been freshly graded and seeded and it was desired to keep as much traffic as possible off the lawn; the price of fireworks had risen 25% since last year and since ground pieces are so expensive, it was felt that everyone would be able to see aerial displays and the public would get the "most for their money".

In an interview with Mr. Cahill he said that there were only 2 fuses (pieces that didn't go off in the air) and his helpers picked these up and defused them so that there was no danger involved to the public. However, there were several short pauses during the show, when the fuses went out on several small pieces and the tubes had to be allowed to "cool off" before someone could reach down in the tube and remove the piece and defuse it for safety reasons.