

A TRIBUTE FOR A HUGE SUCCESS STORY

An Editorial

As an active participant in this year's Bi-Centennial Fourth of July Celebration, we feel that we are fully qualified to comment on this event and, to summarize it all into one word, we say "Fantastic"!

The Parade, according to many of the spectators, was the largest in the history of Andover as well as having the largest audience. As Charter President of the Andover Lions Club we rode on the Lions Club Float along with the rest of the Past Presidents with their wives so we didn't get to see all of the Parade but we do know that it lasted a long time after our section had covered the Parade Route.

We also know that the crowd was anywhere from 3 to 6 deep from the junction of Water Street and Route 21 where the Parade started, all the way down Main Street to Dyke Street and that many people were seated on their lawns all along the rest of the Parade Route. As to how many people that included, we feel an estimate of 10 to 15,000 would be a conservative estimate.

The "Acorn Club" from Alfred with their Chevy Corvair Convertibles led the Parade with the Queen and her "Court" and many Local VIPs with the use of other Convertibles also being donated by local residents and area businessmen which was greatly appreciated.

Music Units from the surrounding area were in competition for the prize money with Units from Dansville and Corning taking part—and winning some of the prize money.

Firemen and Auxiliary Units were present from all over the County with the Fillmore group traveling the longest distance. To add to the pageantry, there were beautiful floats from different places in the County with these Units winning 7 of the 12 Trophies. In addition to all of these, 2 of the three prize winning antique cars came from outside the County. Thus the Parade was truly a County and Area affair—not just an ordinary local Celebration.

As far as the other events that were scheduled over the Celebration are concerned, the Dance on Saturday evening was well enough attended to pay all expenses and show a little profit—despite the fact that a free dance was held in a neighboring community which certainly didn't add anything in the line of attendance.

The "Faith of our Fathers Day" was well prepared and enjoyed by the comparatively small group in attendance Sunday afternoon but, here again, there were several other events going on at the same time and people can only attend one thing at a time.

There were over 150 persons in attendance for the Queen Contest Sunday evening which was considered as a fairly good turn-out considering the fact that there were only four Contestants from the entire County in the competition with the contest being conducted in a professional-like manner with music by the "Old Tymers" which was very much enjoyed.

After the Parade Monday we were too busy, with Official duties taking care of problems as they arose, to observe the results of other events on the School Grounds. However, we understand that the Rod & Gun Club were all sold out on their Chicken Dinners by 2:45 p. m.; and the Lions Club were all sold out of their "Beef-on-a-wick" by 5:30 p. m., so there must have been a huge crowd—or at least a hungry one!

However, the most heart-warming part of the entire Celebration was, that when an unexpected problem arose and assistance was needed—all we had to do was call our friends at Joyce Pipe Line, or Air-Preheater; or call on the Mayor, or our friends in the Lions Club—Hey! Our problem was solved—whether it was a crew of men to go get the rides, trucks to transport them with, or gadgets to shoot the fireworks with.

That is what we call the true spirit of Co-operation for which Andover is so well known for!



50 YEARS AGO

June 25, 1926

H. Barkis, Publisher

The 51st Annual Commencement Exercises of Andover High School was held at the Auditorium Tuesday, June 22 when a graduating class of eight young ladies received their diplomas before an audience that filled the spacious auditorium. The following received their diplomas: Louise J. Folsing, President; Grace D. Burdick, Vice President; Fern R. Greene, Secretary and Treasurer; Georgeanna Bines, Annolee Hammell, Alice Rogers, Edna L. Smith and Marilyn DeRemer; and Post Graduate Kenneth B. Alvord. The Salutatorian was Onolee Hammell and Valedictorian Fern Greene. were chosen in accordance with the established custom of the school because of their school study being the two highest in the class. Miss Green having a percentage of 79.99 for four years and Miss Hammell 78.63. Mr. Alvord, a post graduate of the school earned 90 Regent counts. The Rev. Linville, minister of the Christian Temple of Wellsville, gave the Address. The Class Night was Monday night. Louise Folsing, President gave the Welcome; Essay Firelight by Onolee Hammell; Class History by Georgeanna Bines; Essay Gypsy, Edna L. Smith; Solo, Louise Folsing "Old Pal"; Class Prophecy, Alice Rogers; Essay Color, Fern R. Greene; Class Will, Edna Smith; Class Critic, Grace Burdick; and President's Farwell Address by Louise Folsing.

The Alumni Banquet will be held Thursday evening at the Odd Fellows Hall with the Rebekah Lodge serving. Mrs. Muriel Shepard has charge of the program.

The Grade Promotion was held Friday afternoon, June 18 at the High School Auditorium. Some who took part were: Edwin Alderson, Rita Burns, Malcolm Brundage, Doris Burdick, James Mulholland, Ella Horan. The Valedictorian by Doris Church. The presentation of Promotion Certificates. The certificates were presented to the various grades by the boy or girl having the highest average standing for the year in his or her grade. 1st Grade Jean Nobles; 2nd Grade Dorothy Nobles; 3rd Grade Marion Lever; 4th Grade Mary Monica Lynch and Edwin Alderson; 5th Grade Charles Howland; 6th Grade Margaret Holmes and Joseph Lynch; 7th Grade Florence DeRemer, substituting for Ella Adeaide Baker 8th Grade Margaret Perry. The Teacher of the 7th and 8th Grade English Mrs. Edith Thorne, offered the following prizes for Excellent in English: 7th Grade, 1st Ella Baker 50c; 2nd Doris Yeager 25c; Honorable Mention Florence DeRemer; Greatest Improvement, 1st Marial Brague 50c and 2nd Francis Vickers 25c; Neatest Note Book, 1st Helen Smith 50c, 2nd Marion Cook 25c; 8th Grade, Best Composition Work 1st Mary Broch 50c 2nd Kathryn O'Donnell 25c; Greatest Improvement 1st Laleta Lehman 50c 2nd Lloyd Gee 25c; Neatest Note Book, Helen Joyce 50c and 2nd Marguerite Perry 25c; Honorable Mention Mary Yeager, Doris Church and Edward Williams.

Charles M. Preston, son of Rufus and Lois Howe Preston was born in Almond March 14, 1847 and died at his home in Andover June 16. On June 27, 1870 he married Elizabeth Burdick and to them were born one son, Daniel who died in infancy; one daughter Myrtle, wife of Robert Mings Mrs. Preston died November 12, 1911. Later he married Mrs. Libbie Bentley, who also survives. Burial was in East Valley Cemetery.

Eleanor McFetridge, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. C. McFetridge of Dyke Street became the bride of Ellis Walter Wells of Syracuse son of Mr. and Mrs. F. W. Wells. The members of the Girls and Boys Basketball Team of AHS were invited to a chicken dinner on Thursday from 5 to 6 o'clock at the home of Mr. and Mrs. George Beebe. The faculty and the members of the basketball team wish to thank all the people who in any way have contributed to making their athletic season a very successful one. With a deficit of \$50 at the beginning of the year, the Athletic Association after paying all expenses for the fiscal year have come out with \$50 in the other column.

Miss Marion Rogers has accepted a position in the Office of the Borden Milk Company Plant at Whitesville.

Erwin Briggs of Independence was in Andover Tuesday renewing old acquaintances. Erwin is the third oldest Mason in Andover today.

Miss Grace Louise Cross of Canisteo for the last year, well known teacher at AHS, and Hugh Kenyon of Andover, are being married at 2 p. m., at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. S. S. Cross of Canisteo.

William C. Cannon, a 1904 AHS graduate, of the firm of Steveson, Jennings and Russell of New York City, a former Andover man, received the honorary degree LL.D. at the 90th Commencement of Alfred University.

All members of the Kings Daughters are requested to meet at the Presbyterian Church Friday at 4 p. m., to inspect a tent and decide if it should be purchased. The afternoon group will meet with Mrs. Woodruff at 2:30 as usual. Everyone please attend this meeting.

Miss Mary Dean, R.N., daughter of John Dean of Andover, and a recent graduate of Sister's Hospital Training School in Buffalo, has been notified by the State Civil Service Commission that she passed highest in a class of 100 examined March 20 for the post of County Agent or Inspector in Charities and Correction Work. Miss Dean has been studying and training for her work in Buffalo for four years.

Miss Leona Dean returned to her home on South Hill Saturday night to spend the summer.

Mrs. James Dean and daughter, Doris of South Hill were in Genesee the first of the week where her niece Loretta Harrington was a member of the graduating Class this year. Miss Harrington returned home with them for the summer vacation, having secured a position in the school of Middletown, N. Y., for the coming year.

Charles Fisher of Andover was over Greenwood Hill Wednesday selling groceries.

Mr. and Mrs. George McAndrew and daughter, Mary and son, Vincent returned from Buffalo Saturday where they had been guests at the home of W. B. Paul and family.

40 YEARS AGO

June 19, 1936

H. Barkis, Publisher

Mrs. Belle Updyke was installed District Deputy of District No. 1 and other Officers by District Deputy President Mrs. Howard and her Official Staff at the Whitesville Rebekah Lodge, Wednesday night.

William Nagle of Andover was called to Youngstown, Ohio last Saturday morning by the death of his brother, John J. Nagle of that city, after an illness of several years. He is survived by his wife, two brothers and two sisters, Mrs. Mary Nagle of Cleveland, Ohio Mrs. Algeres of Canisteo; James Nagle of Nie, Ohio and William of Andover.

Following a short Memorial Service at the Legion Hall, Monday afternoon, members of the Edward M. Corps visited Hillside & Valley Brook Cemeteries & decorated the resting places of the deceased members.

The Commencement activities of Andover High School are as follows: Saturday night, 8th Grade Commencement at High School Auditorium; Sunday night, Bacalaureate Service in the High School Auditorium, with Rev. A. D. Sheppard, speaker. His topic will be "The Glory of the Impossible"; Monday night Alumni Banquet at the IOOF Hall; Tuesday night, Class Day Exercises at the High School Auditorium; Wednesday night Commencement at the High School Auditorium.

The graduation exercises of the 8th Grade will be held Saturday, June 20. Leslie Brundage, Valedictorian, will give his address, "To Be Continued"; Principal Glenn E. Bretsch will present diplomas to the following who will be Freshman next September: Donald Brown, Ernest Burdick, Leslie Brundage, Bernadine Briggs.

"Inside The State Capital"

By James L. Emery

One of the final acts of this year's legislative session was the institution of major reforms in the New York State public employee pension system. However, this long-awaited pension reform legislation did not escape the all-too-familiar tactic of the Democrat-controlled Assembly leadership, which can only be described as a political power play.

The first move toward meaningful pension reform was made by the Senate which passed legislation sponsored by Rochester Senator Fred J. Eckert and which I co-sponsored in the Assembly. The Assembly leaders decided not to report the Eckert legislation out of committee, however, preferring to introduce a totally different measure in the Lower House.

The Assembly legislation was, in some respects, tougher than the Senate version and I strongly approved of those provisions. The provision I could not accept, however, called for the elimination of the highly respected Kinzel Commission and the substitution of a 14 member board of political appointees, 4 of which were to be members of the labor unions. It is unconscionable to think that public employee union representatives could be amenable to actions that could go directly against what their rank and file members want, but that is exactly what would be needed if public employee pension costs are ever to be controlled.

Due to pressure exerted by myself and fellow legislators, the Kinzel Commission was maintained and its watchdog activities on pension costs will continue. The reform legislation also calls for all public employees hired after July 1, 1976 to contribute 3 per cent of their earnings toward their pension benefits and to pay that portion of Social Security benefits now paid by their employer.

This compromise legislation takes a giant step toward getting a handle on the enormous costs of public pensions while maintaining a high level of benefits and security for our worthy public servants.

The favoritism displayed by the leaders of the Assembly toward New York City and its problems is certainly nothing new to the residents of the 136th District. We have witnessed another example recently with the imposition and subsequent repeal of the New York City stock transfer surcharge.

The stock transfer surcharge was levied despite desperate pleas from the business and economic sector that such an action would drive the New York Stock Exchange from our borders to New Jersey. When the seriousness of this threat was realized, the tax was repealed.

There is no one more concerned about keeping industry in New York State competitive than I am, but I do not agree with the kind of selective tax relief that is being offered to New York City enterprises. There are scores of businesses and industries outside of metropolitan New York that need financial relief just as much, not to mention the burden our government has placed on the hard-working taxpayer.

Instead of offering selective forms of tax relief, I believe it would be in our best interest if equal tax cuts are granted to all residents in this state as has been proposed by Republican legislators. There is no reason why Governor Carey and his legislative allies should refuse to accept our proposal to channel the excess revenue being accrued by the state this year back to the people & our industries in the form of tax relief, but that is the course they have elected to follow.

The revitalization of our state's economy will never achieve its full potential if we continue to ignore areas such as Buffalo and the Niagara Frontier which has the state's highest unemployment level while New York City problems are given first priority.

Jesse Burger, Letha Callaghan, Richard Clair, Vivian Conner, Pearl Goodridge, Lawrence Dena, William Dugan, Bernice Conrad, Robert Hall, Gloria Greene, Donald Lynch, Kallipy Kareanes, Ardean Mattison, Irene Marie Lynch, Richard McAndrew, Jean Northrup, Thomas O'Hagan, Mary Lynch.

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