

GALA BI-CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION PLANNED

An Editorial

For the past 12 years, Andover has had a Fourth of July Celebration with a parade, program, ball games, Chicken Bar-B-Q, Fireworks — and the rest of the works.

This year, another Gala, Bi-Centennial Celebration is planned for our Nation's 200th Independence Day here in our own "Home Town"

A great deal of planning as well as a lot of effort has gone into laying the foundation for this Bi-Centennial Celebration. Now, time is running short — with the big event a little over a week away.

The local Queen Contest is being taken care of by our regular Committee using the customary voting machine procedure and the County Queen will be selected Sunday evening on the Fourth of July.

The Fireworks Fund is progressing nicely, and the Chairman of that Committee was enabled to purchase the biggest and best Fireworks Display that we will have ever had in Andover.

Many local Organizations have already pledged floats for the Parade — but several haven't been heard from yet. This year especially — everyone should be getting into the act since the theme of the floats is to be patterned after each unit's own idea of representation.

We were pleasantly surprised and very pleased when we first heard of plans for a local Fourth of July Celebration about 12 years ago. It had been many years before that time that Andover had seen a parade and program scheduled with a fireworks display as the climax. In fact, many of our children hadn't even seen a fireworks display!

Many events have been scheduled throughout the day, starting in the morning with the Crowning of the Queen, which will be followed by the Gala Parade. Beginning at Noon there will be a Chicken Bar-B-Q on the school grounds, put on by the hard working members of the Andover Rod & Gun Club. The Annual Firemen's Water Fights are scheduled and will continue until the competition is finished. A League Baseball game at 2:30 p. m., on the school diamond; with Bucket Brigade, Barrel Roll, Carnival Rides, Games, Refreshment Stands, and First Aid Demonstration all afternoon.

Then for the Grand Climax — the biggest display of Fireworks to ever be touched off in Andover will commence at 9:30 — or whenever it is good and dark.

We are glad that the Firemen "took the bull by the horns" and went ahead for the first few years to sponsor the Celebration — and are sure it has been a much bigger success than was ever anticipated. Since that time, a few of our local interested citizens have "kept the ball rolling". And, each year the program and parade have been a little bigger and better than the previous one with the addition of many units from surrounding areas participating.

With this year being our Nation's Bi-Centennial Celebration and since we have been designated as the Official Allegany County Fourth of July Bi-Centennial Celebration, this should be the biggest Fourth of July Celebration in the History of Andover. And, with our theme this year of: "America, Our Country—Forever" what could be more appropriate than these four words?

Today, as in the past, since first attaining the Independence, the words spoken by the first Astronaut to step foot on the Moon, "one small step for a man; one giant step for mankind", will long stand as another tribute to the greatest of this Country!

Won't you all join in this year to help make this Bi-Centennial Celebration an even bigger and better one than we have ever had in previous years?

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40 YEARS AGO

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Julia Lynch, daughter of Bridget Mallory and Anthony Lynch was born January 3, 1899 in Andover, and died May 20 at the home of her sister, Mrs. Madge Dawson. Besides her sister, several nieces and nephews survive. She was a teacher in the public schools for 35 years, 23 of which she taught grades in Andover High School. Burial was in St. John's Cemetery.
A. R. Baker has purchased the Ed Horan Hardware Store and has taken possession. The entire stock will be moved to Baker's Hardware before June 11.

The newly elected officers of Jones Memorial Hospital are: President Dr. E. F. Comstock; Vice-President, Dr. S. B. Scott; Secretary and Treasurer, Dr. W. F. Reedy. Dr. McCarty entertained 22 members of the hospital staff of which he is retiring president, at a steak dinner at his cabin on the Stannards-Hallsport Road, Thursday evening.

Albert Knickerbocker died June 1st at the Chase Nursing Home on Rochambeau Ave. He was born in Batavia February 28, 1874, a son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Knickerbocker. He came to Andover 20 years ago and was night watchman in charge of engines and electric dynamics at the Silk Mill. Surviving are two sisters, Mrs. W. de Theeget of Andover, with whom he had made his home, and Mrs. Dwight Clendenos of Medina; three brothers Myron of Rochester and Fred and Hayes of Batavia. Burial was in Batavia.

The World Wide Guild met with Miss Dorothy Lever Tuesday evening. There was a good attendance and the subject was "Our Mission Work in Southern India".

Maryland Best Strawberries — 15 Cents a Quart at the Market Basket.

Francis Perkins, U. S. Secretary of Labor will be the Commencement Speaker at Alfred University June 10, according to a news release from Alfred University. 14 Andover residents have graduated from there since 1920. Other information is as found in the Alumni. In 1920 Muriel Earley, married and lives in Sruce Pine N. C. 1921 Elotse Clarke, married and lives in Knoxville Tenn.; 1924 Rodney Robinson Rutherford, N. J.; 1926 Maxson Crandall, teacher in Durien C.; 1928 Mable Wagner, Hampstead; 1929 Marylyn DeRemer; 1930 William Loughhead, at Milton N. Y.; 1932 William Clarke Odessa, N. Y.; 1933 Cecelia O'Connell, teacher in Andover High School; Edwin Greene, Washington, D. C.; Ruby Robinson, Mt. Morris, N. Y.; 1934 Gertrude O'Connell; 1935 Ralph Williams at Scotsville, N. Y.

Mrs. Bernadine Dennison Coats of Greenwood, died at the St. James Mercy Hospital, Sunday. She is survived by three sons, Andrew, Dennison and Burdette all at home; three sisters, Mrs. Fred Kurtz of Hornell, Mrs. Evelyn of South Dansville, and Mrs. Stephen Talbot of Rexville; two brothers Riley Dennison of Rexville and Owen Dennison of West Greenwood. Burial was in Greenwood Cemetery.

Orris Taylor of Canisteo, formerly of Greenwood, died at the Bethesda Hospital in Hornell, on Monday as a result of burns received when an empty 500 gallon barrel which had contained road tar exploded in Harvey's Garage in Canisteo. He is the son of Fay Taylor of Greenwood.

The June meeting of the Ladies Aid of the M. E. Church will be held at the home of Mrs. Hazel Burgett, June 10.

June 9 is the first nomination of officers and election of Grand Lodge Officers. All Past Grand are urgently requested to be present. Oliver Kemp, Noble Grand.

Miss Ariene Walsh, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Walsh, will be graduated from the Music Department of State Normal School at Fredonia this June. She has been elected to be supervisor of Music at Whitesville for next year. During her four years at the Normal School Miss Walsh has been

very active in both curricular and extra curricular activities. She was chosen as an attendant to the May Queen this year. Miss Walsh is a member of the Girls Glee Club at the Normal School.

The Junior Prom held Wednesday evening, June 3, was very successful. Johnnie Fitzgerald and

Orchestra provided the music. Ida Mae Howland was Chairman of the Decorations Committee; Bruce McGill, Tickets; Regina Lynch, Advertising; and Kenneth Vars, Lighting. The Chaperones were: Principal and Mrs. Glenn Bretsch, Miss Cecelia O'Connell, William McGee, Mrs. G. Trinkian, J. Danahue.

Mr. and Mrs. Allison Baker and daughter, Rose Marie of Voorhees were in Canisteo, Monday attending the Centennial Celebration of the Presbyterian Church.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Flynn of Lane School District are parents of a son born May 28.

Mrs. Judson Burdick, Mrs. Erma Dodge and Mrs. Alvin Edwards of Elm Valley attended the Commencement Exercises in Erie, Pa., Thursday, May 28, where Miss Jacqueline Dodge was a graduate.

Mrs. Leo Snyder visited at the home of her sister, Mrs. Luther Hyde in Philadelphia, Pa., from Friday night until Tuesday.

Miss Jean Ann Osborn of Bronxville, N. Y., arrived Monday to pass the summer with her grandmother, Mrs. Nora Hackett.

Dr. and Mrs. John Common and Dr. Robert Common attended the Schole Family Reunion held at Wellsville, May 30.

Mr. and Mrs. L. W. Herrick of Elmira, Mr. and Mrs. Leon Phelps of Rochester, and Mr. and Mrs. Arling Baker were dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Burdick at Elm Valley, Memorial Day.

Dr. Robert Common attended the organization of a branch of the University of Buffalo Alumni Association held at Olean, Friday night.

30 YEARS AGO

May 23, 1946

Claire C. Backus, Publisher

As the cost of everything is going up, the production of a newspaper has increased the past few weeks it is necessary to raise the price of The Andover News from \$2.00 to \$2.50 beginning July 1st.

Miss Doris Mead, daughter of Lloyd Mead, was one of the Class of 65 to receive their Caps at the Capping Ceremony of the Millard Fillmore Hospital in Buffalo last week.

Mrs. Harry Smith was elected President and Mrs. Harold Emery Secretary and Treasurer of the Friendly Class of the M. E. Church at their meeting Tuesday evening. They also sent a card to Mrs. Charles Holt who is in Ark-

port for a time and two birthday cards to Mrs. Carroll Ruger and Mrs. Jack Phelps.

Andover was fortunate in escaping the weekend flood with no major damage reported although several parts of the Village were under water and number of cellars flooded. The East Valley Creek broke over its banks Monday p. m., flooding the athletic field and highway near the Mitchell residence on Water Street and the Mickle house on Church Street, also lawns on the Temple residence. During the three-day storm Andover received a total of 7.381 inches of rain. The electric was off from 4:20 Monday until 11:30 Tuesday due to the washing out of some high tension lines near Portville.

The engagement of Miss Gladys M. Richmond of Wellsville and Paul F. Uppdyke of Whitesville has been announced.

Mrs. James Guinn received word recently of the death of her nephew, James Doran of McKeesport, Pa. His funeral was held on Monday of this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Childs entertained at a family dinner at their home, Sunday. Attending were Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Slocum of Davis Hill, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Slocum of Shongo and Mrs. Alta Hoagland. A fine time with music was enjoyed during the day.

Mrs. Anthony Dougherty and Mrs. Kirk Ruger entertained 30 guests at a variety shower in honor of Miss Kathleen Howland at the home of Mrs. Ruger on Thursday evening. Miss Howland was the recipient of many useful gifts.

Bob Burger representative of Andover FFA Chapter went to Scio Friday to take part in the Allegany County Horseshoe Pitching Contest. He won over Bob Mingus.

Andover took third place in the County Track Meet held Friday, May 24 at Wellsville. Neil McCormick, Kenneth Howland, "Jug" Dunham, Robert Smith, Don Baker, George Phillipson, Jack Horan, Francis Greene, Howard Burrows and Robert Burger were Andover players.

The Junior-Senior Prom is June 7.

The Annual Spring Concert of ACS will be held May 29 with Kathryn Munley director of Band and Orchestra, Sr. Girls Choir and Grade Chorus. Phyllis Temple, Phyllis Burdick and Lois Matison will be soloists and several dance groups sponsored by Gerri Lynch will also be present.

Mr. and Mrs. Donald Oakes are passing two weeks visiting.

Mr. and Mrs. A. R. Baker were in Mansfield, Pa., last Saturday where they attended the alumni banquet at Mansfield State Teach-

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