

WHERE'S ALL THAT SPIRIT FOR THE 4th?

An Editorial

For the past 5 years, Andover has had a Fourth of July Celebration with a parade, program, ball games, fireworks — and the rest of the works.

This year, another Gala Celebration is planned for our National 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 Celebration. Now, time is running short — with the big event less than 3 weeks away!

The Queen contest is now being taken care of at ACS High School and the winner will be announced either this week or next.

The Fireworks Fund is progressing nicely, with enough contributions already in or promised so that 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.

Then, since this is a Celebration of our Nation's Independence, we think that it would be nice to dedicate this year's Celebration to the "Boys in Vietnam" and all of the rest of the Servicemen that are on active duty on the four corners of the world.

The News Medias, especially TV, have been playing up all of the student uprisings and demonstrations, as well as civil riots, disorders, demonstrations, etc., so we think that it is high time that we let our Servicemen know that we realize what they are doing for us.

We have suggested to "Parade Chairman", "Jim" Mulholland that we ask all local servicemen who have been on active duty during the Vietnam War, to participate in this year's parade to represent our Servicemen that are fighting and dieing in all branches of the Service on Active Duty at the present time. We would like to see them in uniform, riding in convertibles at the head of the parade so that the public can see how many of our local boys have served their country in the past few years — and to remind the public that there are many more of our lads that are still "in Service".

Many communities across the Nation will be celebrating the Fourth of July but we feel that the idea of dedicating our Local Celebration to the "Boys in Uniform" would be something "extra special", and show them that we, as a Community, are 100% behind their efforts and sacrifices.

Now all we need is all of the local Young Men that have been in service lately to contact "Jim" Mulholland or the News Office and tell us that they will represent "Our Boys in Service" in the Parade. Then we will be able to make arrangements accordingly.

We were pleasantly surprised and very pleased when we first heard of plans for a local Fourth of July Celebration around six 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!

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.

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

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50 YEARS AGO

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Andover High School Commencement will be held June 24th at 8:30 p. m. The following will receive diplomas — Edith Hans, Anna Joyce, Elizabeth Joyce, Rodney Robinson, Mary Smith and Ruby Snyder.

Mrs. John D. Groves of West Union, has received word of the safe arrival of her husband, Captain Groves, across the water.

Misses Nora McAndrew and Lenora Dean are now enjoying the vacation season having last week finished their years work in their respective schools, Engway Hill and Fulmer Valley.

Mrs. Henry Will was called to Wellsville Monday by the serious illness and death of her mother, Mrs. William Marx.

Miss Lottie Williams is visiting her aunt, Mrs. D. W. Haist of Buffalo for a few days.

Mrs. Henry Gill returned Monday from Little Valley where she had been visiting relatives and friends.

Mrs. John Lever and children went to Ashville Saturday to visit her parents, Mr and Mrs. Graves.

Mrs. Sylvia Mourhess returned Sunday from a visit with relatives at Huntington, Philadelphia and Lonsdale, Pa.

Mrs. Jobson and daughter, Melva of Philadelphia, arrived in Andover Monday, where they will spend the remainder of the summer.

The Misses Doris and Susie Baker of Andover, visited their aunt Mrs. Linford Potter of Independence Saturday and Sunday.

Mrs. Jennie Vanderhoef of Emporium, Pa., and Mrs. Agnes Head of Galeton, Pa., were guests of M. F. Wyckoff and wife the past week.

Miss Marjory Herrick came from New York City Saturday for a two weeks visit at the home of her grandparents Mr. and Mrs. G. M. Barney.

Mrs. Flora Bess and Mrs. Addie Coleman were guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Crandall of Independence during the meetings of the S. D. Baptist Association held at Independence last week.

Mrs. Floyd Farwell and children left Wednesday for a three weeks visit with her mother, Mrs. E. A. Beaver of Williamsville, N. Y. They will also visit friends and relatives in Buffalo.

Mrs. Chas. Foster left Andover today to visit relatives in Friendship. She will visit her parents in Rochester before going to her home in Buffalo where Mr. Foster is employed.

Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Smith and family motored to Salamanca Saturday and were guests until Sunday of his brother, J. A. Smith and family.

40 YEARS AGO

June 22, 1928

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Miss Ima Williams of Andover was a member of the graduating class of the Wellsville Conservatory of Music this year.

Dr. J. N. Norwood, Dean of Alfred University, will deliver the Commencement Address Wednesday evening, June 27th.

Tuesday, June 19th Rev. Charles Parsons was ordained and installed as pastor of the Andover Presbyterian Church.

Announcements have been received of the marriage on Thursday, June 14th of Dr. Clarence W. Hardy and Miss Marion E. Painter of Hutchinson, Kansas.

Miss Louise R. Will and Clark A. Bridge were united in marriage Wednesday, June 20th by Rev. Charles Parsons. They will make their home in the Town of Greenwood, where Mr. Bridge is engaged in farming.

The Misses Gertrude Beebe and Anna Lynch of Andover, are members of the 1928 Graduation Class of Genesee Normal.

Mr. and Mrs. John Kemp welcome a daughter, Jennie, at their

home Friday, June 15th.

Mrs. Young has returned to her home at Greenwood after spending some time with John Swarts and family of West Greenwood.

Miss Mary Conwell of Bradford, Pa., is the guest this week of her aunt, Mrs. Catherine Dean of South Hill.

Mrs. Robert Dean of South Hill was called to Pittsburgh, Pa., Friday by the serious illness of her aunt, Mrs. M. O'Donnell.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Briggs of Himrods are visiting on Davis Hill, being called to Belmont by the death of Dorothy Scott.

A. L. Rogers was the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Ray Scribner of Greenwood Thursday and Friday of last week.

Emory Hann returned to his home at Norwich, N. Y., Wednesday after a few days visit with Andover relatives.

Jesse Snyder left Friday for New York City and Washington, D. C., from which city, in company with a friend, Mr. Kuntz, will leave on an extended trip to California via the northern route.

Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Stearna left Monday for Recreation Park where they will have charge of the commissary dept. at the various camps held there this summer.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Bossard and daughter, Ruth and Mr. and Mrs. Lyle Bossard of Angelica, were in Andover the last of the week to visit their sister and aunt, Mrs. Emma Robbins.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Baker left Thursday for New York City to visit friends.

30 YEARS AGO

June 24, 1938

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Mr. and Mrs. Francis Krusen are the parents of a daughter, Judy Louise, born Sunday, June 19th.

J. D. Cheesman received telegrams last Thursday stating that the Senate had confirmed his appointment as Postmaster at Andover.

Mrs. Johanna McDonald, 96, died at the home of Mr. and Mrs. P. J. Callagher in Hornell Saturday, June 18th. Interment was in St. John's Cemetery, Andover.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles A. Robinson will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary Sunday, June 26th.

Word was received Tuesday of the death of Charles A. Mourhess in Washington, D. C.

John F. French, 37, of Hartsville, died Thursday, June 17. His wife, six children, his mother and a sister survive. Interment was in Hillside Cemetery Andover.

The Annual Reunion of the Slocum family was held at the West Greenwood Grange Hall Sunday, June 19th with about 75 members present.

The home of Supervisor C. A. Stabbins of West Union was destroyed by fire June 14th.

Miss Wanda Mattison of Whitesville is visiting her uncle, Mr. and Mrs. Cleon Clarke of Independence.

S. W. Clarke of Independence drove to Toledo, Ohio the first of the week after his daughter, Mrs. Glenn Baker and children who will spend the summer with her parents.

Mr. and Mrs. Cowles G. Whiting of Elm Valley, celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary at their home Sunday, June 19th.

Mrs. Ed. Hoagland of Canadice is visiting at the home of her sons, Ronald and Victor Hoagland and other relatives this week.

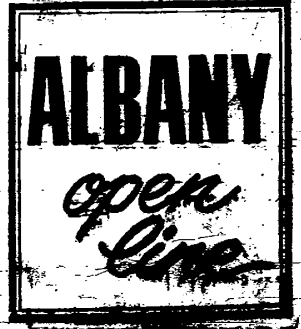
Miss Sylvia Hardy of New York City is a guest at the home of her nephew, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Hardy, coming to attend the graduation of Donald Hardy.

Miss Ruth Slocum who has been spending a three weeks vacation with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Slocum, returned to her work at the Buffalo General Hospital Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Arling Baker and Mr. and Mrs. John E. Vincent returned Monday from a vacation trip to the Thousand Islands and Alexandria Bay.

Mr. and Mrs. R. O. Akin and granddaughter, Miss Daphne Brownell arrived in Andover Tuesday from Florida to pass the summer at their home on Pleasant Ave.

Miss Florence Parker passed the week-end with Miss June Rogers in Whitesville.



On the day Robert F. Kennedy died, Gov. Rockefeller had a press conference in Albany to express his opposition to any gun control legislation.

He said the federal government should not be allowed to take over his own gun control program and its fate during the next session of the State Legislature.

It does.

Without getting into the question of whether or not there should be gun control legislation or whether it would do any good, there is a lesson to be learned for the voter in the details of the death of Rockefeller's plans to license guns.

A general conclusion from these details might be that, more than people suspect, the State Legislature is government by lobby rather than government by the people.

The Legislature is generally understaffed.

As has been noted before in this column, there is a reason for it. Without staffs of their own, lawmakers lean heavily on the only remaining source of information — the administration. As a result, the Legislature, except in the most controversial measures, becomes a rubber stamp for the governor because he is the source of the information they need to make intelligent decisions.

Medicaid is the perfect example of this. Even Rockefeller has now admitted the facts and figures his people provided legislators were — to be charitable — not accurate.

Before the session began in January, Rockefeller announced he would push for gun control bill.

And almost before he could finish talking, Earl W. Brydges of Niagara Falls, the Republican leader of the Senate, said he was against it.

That is unusual. Normal procedure would have been for Brydges to keep his opposition to himself for a few months and then trade it off for other legislation which pleased him during the annual bargaining period at the end of every session.

In the Democratic-controlled Assembly the bill actually reached the floor. It was a largely phony move, however. Instead of calling for a vote, Speaker Anthony J. Travia called for a show of hands.

In this case, state government was not so much government by lobby as it was government by tea party rules.

It might be a good way to find out whether chocolate or vanilla ice cream should be served at the volunteer firemen's benefit party, but it is hardly the way for the state to deal with legislation.

At any rate, a sea of hands went up, and without bothering to count them, much less note if some of the hands belonged to any of the lobbyists or secretaries who were on the floor at the time, the gun bill was crossed off the calendar and killed.

There is no vacuum in Albany. And so, as in the Medicaid example, the lawmakers listened to the anti-gun control lobbyists in the absence of any word from voters.

One question remains unanswered.

Assuming the power of the governor's rubber stamp machinery, why didn't he fight for his bill?

The answer probably is that this is an election year, and with the memory of Medicaid still fresh, Rockefeller decided not to push Brydges too hard.

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