

WHERE'S ALL THAT SPIRIT FOR THE 4th?

An Editorial

For the past 6 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 "General 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 dying 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 or perhaps march at the head of the parade in uniform with the Color Guard 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 seven 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

June 13, 1919

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James Francis Cocoman, 26, died Wednesday. His father, a brother and two sisters survive.

Fred Stebbins caught a 5 pound 2 ounce Brown Trout at Stearns Crossings Saturday.

Charles Richardson has purchased of the estate the property on Baker Street, owned by the late Edward Kinney and moved there from Maple Place.

P. C. Lynch has purchased the residence owned by Mrs. Gertrude Burrows Corner of Center and Church Streets.

Miss Mable G. Burdick of Whitesville and Leo B. Davis of Davis Hill were united in marriage May 31st by the Rev. C. L. Paddock. Mr. and Mrs. Davis will occupy part of the large residence on his father's farm south of this village.

Vincent, six-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. James Dean of Pingrey Hill, was instantly killed by a bolt of lightning during the electric storm last Friday.

Cath Baker, brother of Timothy Baker of Andover, died at the home of his daughter, Mrs. William Hazlett of Houghton, Wednesday, June 4th.

Messrs M. A. Crandall and E. R. Crandall of Independence were in Philadelphia, Pa., the past week attending the Annual Holstein meeting and sale.

Charles E Bassett of Boston is visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. K. Bassett of Independence.

Leon Cornell has returned to Elm Valley from France, where he has been serving his country for the past year.

Philip Norton has returned to Almond after passing some time in Andover.

Principal and Mrs. Don Clark were week-end guests of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Clark of Alfred.

Captain and Mrs. F. J. Herrick and son of Binghamton were visitors at the home of Isaac Smith, the first of the week.

Mr and Mrs. C. W. Williams and Mr and Mrs. J. L. Williams motored to Rochester the last of the week.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Slocum of Hornell passed Saturday and Sunday with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. David Slocum.

Mr. and Mrs. L. T. VanWie children of Corning were week-end guests of Mrs. VanWie's parents, Mr. and Mrs. James Hammond.

Paul Diffin of Rochester is visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Diffin. Mr. Diffin has recently been discharged from military service in a southern camp.

40 YEARS AGO

June 14, 1929

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Miss Marilyn DeRemer, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John DeRemer of Andover, was a member of the graduating class at Alfred-University this year.

Will Pease purchased the real property of the late Levan Thompson on Chestnut Street Tuesday. Mr Pease will begin at once to repair and remodel the residence, preparatory to moving to Andover with his family.

Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Slocum, Mrs. Leroy Davis and Mrs. Mabel Halsey of Davis Hill, attended the old fiddlers contest at Wellsville last week.

Miss Flora Warren passed the week-end with her mother, Mrs. Alice Warren at Nile.

Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Chase and son, Eldon of Dubois, Pa., were guests at the home of Mrs. W. H. Diffin Thursday and Friday of last week.

Mr. and Mrs. O. E. Trowbridge and son, Robert of Pulaski, N. Y., were week-end guests of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Lee Trowbridge.

Mrs. Alice Larsen and granddaughter, Alice Mae Walls of Joliet Ill, arrived in Andover Wednesday to pass the summer with Mrs. Larsen's sister, Mrs. Emma Church



By Alex Rankin

Here is one for the Draw Your Own Conclusion Department — Division of Politics.

Last year the long-dormant Republican party in Albany County surprised everyone and all but blew the Democratic machine — the last of its kind in the state — run by aging Dan O'Connell.

The two Assembly members critical because they were Republicans put the first time since 1964 to control both houses and the governor's chair — in that work.

This year Republicans hope to capture the Albany majority too.

And the three freshmen in the legislature, Senator Walter Koenig and Assemblymen Robert Skuse and Fred Fries are busy to work on what was a major piece of legislation — a bill authorizing a referendum to allow the citizens of Albany to decide whether or not they wanted their school board members appointed or elected. The board is now appointed by the mayor, Erastus Corning — a Democrat.

The bill passed the Legislature and went to Governor Rockefeller. In his veto message Rockefeller said he did it "because of a fatal ambiguity" in the language of the bill.

But Rockefeller's own lawyers helped redraw the bill at one point

when it was felt the bill was not properly worded.

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