

ANOTHER GALA 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, activities, 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 just about a month away.

The Queen contest is being taken care of at Andover Central School and the winner will be announced the morning of the Parade.

A beautiful Fireworks display has been ordered from the same people that put on the display for the Sesqui-Centennial and should be as spectacular.

However, now we come to the \$64,000 question! How many local people are interested in seeing an old-fashioned Home Town Fourth of July Celebration with fireworks — and how many are willing to contribute their time and/or money to help make this annual event a success?

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. A league Baseball Game at 2:30 p. m., on the school diamond with Carnival Rides, Games, Refreshment Stands, and Demonstrations all afternoon.

Then, the Grand Climax — one of the biggest aerial 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 more units from surrounding areas participating.

However, this year things are progressing rather slowly — perhaps as a result of our big "Sesqui" Celebration. At any rate, very few representatives from local organizations have been attending the Fourth of July Committee meetings and, without their support, it will be a practically impossible task for just a few members of the committee to execute the ambitious plans for a large and successful Celebration.

What is needed now are volunteers who are willing to donate their time to participate on committees to manage the different phases of the Celebration; to help with the annual Auction, and to help operate the various booths, concessions, rides, etc., on the day of the Fourth. For those that are unable to help physically, your financial contribution would be greatly appreciated as only about 1/4 of the funds needed for the Celebration have been raised so far.

This year the theme of Andover's Fourth of July Celebration is: "Pioneer Days" — as a prelude to next year's Bi-Centennial or "Spirit of '76" Celebration. And, the floats, costumes and clothing from our recent "Sesqui-Centennial" here in Andover can be readily adaptable to this year's theme.

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?

"Inside The State Capital"

By James L. Emery

If you were among the hundreds of families in this area who were hit by the state park fee increases imposed by Governor Carey over the Memorial Day Weekend, you will be happy to know that a bill has been filed by Republican members of the Legislature to rescind these unnecessary fee increases and the accompanying cutback in park hours and services. This was a cruel trick to play on people who make use of these park facilities just at the time when the parks were preparing to open, and was nothing more than an attempt by the Governor to pressure the Legislature into passing his new tax demands.

In this area the cutbacks ordered by the Governor affected Letchworth State Park where camping facilities are to be reduced and bath operations consolidated along with the elimination of 12 seasonal employees. As I reported earlier, a new Democrat patronage system actually eliminated 70 summer employees in the state parks in this region, with those jobs eventually going to only registered Democrats. Car admissions to state parks were raised to \$1.50 and campsite fees were also raised by 50 cents.

The legislation which has been introduced by Assembly Minority Leader Perry B. Duryea would prevent the office or state agency having jurisdiction over any state park, recreational facility or historic site from increasing fees or decreasing program services or hours of operation without the consent of the Legislature. It would apply to admissions charged for campsites, cabin rentals, and golf courses at the parks as well as general vehicle admission to the parks themselves. It would be in effect for one year from the date it became law.

This legislation, which I fully support, would preserve for the average citizen who is unable to afford private clubs and facilities, the use of the many and varied recreational facilities of this State and within the confines of the 136th Assembly District at a reasonable cost during these difficult financial times. Many people can no longer afford long and expensive vacations to other areas of this nation and other countries and have come to rely on our fine state park system as their only source of rest and relaxation during the summer months.

The Governor continues to ignore upstate New Yorkers in every way possible and one of his latest State administrative appointments is a prime example. Recently Mr. Carey named an assistant inspector of the New York City Police Department as the next superintendent of the New York State Police. If this isn't a slap in the face to upstaters, and especially to the hundreds of outstanding state policemen in our upstate area, than I don't know what is. I certainly have nothing personally against the appointee, Mr. Connelie who has a fine record as a law enforcement officer in New York City. However, state police basically serve upstate areas and have little connection whatsoever with New York City which has its own fine police force. With many very qualified state police officers now in the ranks, why was it necessary for Governor Carey to go outside the system and down into New York City for this appointment.

It is interesting to note that Mr. Connelie is a Brooklyn high school classmate of Governor Carey's and I understand that the families have been very close for years. It could have been expected that the very political governor would appoint a Democrat to the post and perhaps even a close friend. However, he has ignored one of the real opportunities to show some concern and consideration for upstate interests with this appointment as he continues to fill his administration with New York

City residents leaving a huge void for the millions of residents north of the East River.

And speaking of Democrat political patronage, I think it may have reached its lowest point with a recent incident connected with the State Fair in Syracuse. For the past 27 years a professor from a well-known upstate university and some of his students have manned a booth at the Fair where they have sold barbecued chicken with a special sauce prepared by the professor. The money from this project has been used for various campus and community projects in the area where the university is located. Several weeks ago this man was informed by the new Democrat-appointed State Fair officials that he could no longer have his booth space at the Fair unless he received written endorsement from the Democrat county chairman where he resides. This is apparently another "new policy" of the Democrats to give out space at the Fair, supported by tax dollars and admission fees, on a political patronage basis. It took the intervention of upstate Republican legislators to see that this man and his students got their booth space back.

It would appear that the Democrats' political patronage is "finger lickin' good".

The office of Assemblyman James L. Emery (R-Genesee) announced his schedule for the week beginning June 5, 1975:

Saturday, June 7th — Assemblyman Emery will be attending a dinner in honor of Leland Pierce, Retired Chief of Police, City of Canandaigua to be held at the Sheraton Inn.



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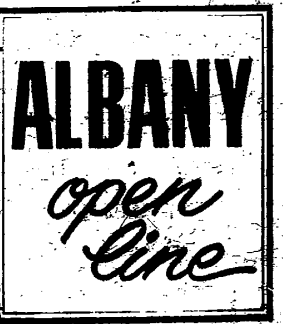
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On June 1 a special school meeting has been called to determine whether to buy the property of the late C. F. Davis adjoining the present school property and the shop, former occupied by W. S. Clark.

Memorial Day Services were very impressive. There were but three Civil War Veterans in the line of march: John Deming, T. N. Boyd and William McDonough. The other two, John Osgood and Chauncy Witter were ill. The GAR ceremonies were performed at Hillside Cemetery with John Deming presiding and T. N. Boyd as Chaplain. The graves were decorated by the ladies of the Relief Corp and the Band played two numbers for the march to the auditorium where the rest of the program was held. Lincoln's Gettysburg Address was given by Mary McPetridge. A quartet consisting of Rev. A. W. MacDougall, Rev. C. C. Conrad, Dr. H. G. Störmer & Carl Hann sang two numbers. Lieutenant Ward Hopkins of Cuba gave the wonderful patriotic address. Following the Services, dinner was served by the Women of the Relief Corp at the GAR Hall to Civil War Veterans, sons of Veterans pastors and their wives and guests.

The prize Speaking Contest and Physical Training Exhibition entertainment put on at the auditorium Monday evening under the direction of Miss Fish, Physical Training Instructor of Andover High School was very pleasing to the audience. The prizes were awarded as follows: for boys — Robert Lynch 1st and Arthur Downer 2nd. For the girls: Fernie Greene, 1st and Rose Dawson 2nd. Dean J. Horan who for the past five years has been manager of the Endicott Johnson Shoe Store in Schenectady, N. Y., has been promoted to District Manager for that company. He will have charge of



by Alex Rankin

Unemployment may be bad elsewhere, but not in Albany.

The party faithful, Republicans and Democrats, have just learned that no matter how long the session runs this year — some say late fall — they will be kept on the payroll.

There are 1,684 so-called "session employees" in the Senate and Assembly, and normally they would be dumped off the payroll on May 17. After that, their work would be done by the "annual employees".

But dropping off all those workers would mightily anger the local GOP and Democratic party chairmen around the state, and so no matter how long the session lasts, the session employees will be there.

At the present time they collect a total of \$505,000 every two weeks. Who says the gravy train isn't running on schedule?

The Onondaga Indians may finally get their wampum belts back, if the Senate passes a bill approved by the Assembly the other day.

The belts tell the story of the Indians, and are now in the hands of the state, which refuses to give them up. One legislator said it was like taking away all the history books of white men.

A law passed several years ago allowed the Indians to have the belts, but only on condition that they build a museum to house them.

The new bill eliminates that requirement. During the debate, a New York City legislator jumped up and asked if the sponsor of the bill would amend it to give the belts back to the Indians.

"They don't want it," replied the sponsor.

Little wonder.

The administrative head of the State Commission of Correction, Morton G. Van Hoesen, has resigned, amid charges that the prison watchdog organization had covered up charges of brutality, drug smuggling and other criminal activities in prisons across the state, and at jails in Dutchess, Albany, Westchester and Ulster counties in particular.

The commission was formed after the Attica Prison riot in a general reorganization move.

all the stores in the Northwestern Section of New York State.

The fine Band music Memorial Day was made possible by the cooperation of Alfred and Andover musicians. A number of Andover boys went over and played with the Alfred Band at their Services, Friday afternoon and the Alfred boys assisted here Saturday.

W. F. O'Connell has purchased a new Studebaker Brougham.

Harry Joyce is assisting in the State Bank during the summer vacation.

Miss Anna Gallagher entertained the Entre Nous Club Thursday evening.

Andover still grows — we now have twenty-four hour Police protection. The Village Board has engaged W. S. Gleason as Day Traffic Officer and Policeman.

Mrs. R. O. Snyder and Mrs. Robert Brundage entertained at a 1:30 luncheon and bridge party at the home of Mrs. Snyder, Tuesday afternoon. Covers were laid for twenty-eight. Mrs. Maloney and Mrs. McCarthy of Dansville and Mrs. George Harris of Wellsville were the out-of-town guests.

Augusta Lewis returned to her home in Young Hickory, Friday after teaching a successful term of school in the West Greenwood District.

Independence Day observed Friday. Fifty-six enjoyed the day with Mrs. McCutchen and the

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