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1839

This is the oldest printed record of a parade that is in the archives of the historian.

PARADES

Northville is well known for it's Parades

We all have memories of watching or participating in them. Parade watchers came from all over the county to enjoy Northville's outstanding floats, bands, fire trucks, individual participation and many other interesting and fun displays. There were Fourth of July parades, Memorial Day Parades, Pet parades, Old Home Day parades, Halloween Parades, Diamond Jubilee Parade, Bi-Centennial Parade, Filibuster Parade. Those of us who attended many of these parades have certain ones that are more outstanding in our memories. In 1948 was the Diamond Jubilee Celebration and parade that was especially memorable.

MAMMOTH PARADE, CROWNING OF QUEEN ARE FEATURES OF NORTHVILLE JUBILEE PROGRAM



Mel Graff

Last night's program began with the crowning of Miss Marck on the village green at 6:30. Mel Graff of Northville, noted cartoonist, spoke briefly in according the honor to the "queen" of the Jubilee.

Queen: Joan Marck **Attendants :** Jackie Sweet (Junquera), Helen Edwards, Virginia Lado, Jean Ferguson, Mary Tetrault, Suzanne Houghtaling.

Lipe Is Chairman

Claude Lipe was division chairman; Herbert Corey, announcer and Robert Van Arnem, grand marshal assisted by Ralph Scheer. Publicity is in charge of J. S. Mendenhall.

FOURTH OF JULY.

Eighty Third Anniversary

OF OUR NATIONAL INDEPENDENCE

Will be celebrated at Northville, in accordance with that spirit which should actuate every lover of his country, and the Committee of Arrangements give a cordial invitation to all to join them in celebrating this ever to be remembered "Independence Day."

ORDER OF THE DAY.

Gun at Midnight,
Ringing of Bells and 13 Guns at Sunrise,
National Salute at Sunset.

The Procession will form at half past 10 o'clock A. M., under the directions of the Marshal of the Day and his Aids, in front of R. E. Ash's Hotel, in the following order:

Artillery,
Band,
President of the Day, and Revolutionary Societies,
Committee of Arrangements,
Orator and Reader,
Clergy and Physicians,
Soldiers of the War of 1812,
Soldiers of the War with Mexico,
Town and County Officers,
Citizens in general,
Youths.

Thirty-three juvenile ladies will represent the States, and form in procession with the adult ladies, to whom a suitable place in the Procession will be assigned.

The Procession will then march to the Pine Grove, where an Orator will be delivered.

Address to the Throne of Grace, by Rev. James Quinlin.
Reading Declaration of Independence, by Henry H. Ross,
Discharge of Cannon.

ORATION—By Hon. Gen. S. Batcheller, of Saratoga co.
Discharge of Cannon.

Music.
Vocal Music.

Benediction, by Rev. Orren Gregg.

The Procession will then form as before, and march to R. E. Ash's Hotel, where dinner will be in readiness.
Toasts will be delivered.

GRAND AND SPLENDID DISPLAY OF

FIREWORKS.

Will be exhibited at half past 8,

IN THE EVENING, NORTH OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH,
NORTHVILLE, JUNE 27, 1839.

G. LEFEVRE, MARSHAL.

S. Horon, Printer, Northville.

Over the years many people and organization were involved in planning and orchestrating the many parades. There were the Fireman, Business Men, Civic Association, and Individuals. Below is a **1924** example of local folks who cared enough to make "it happen". A big Thanks and Gratitude is extended to all of them; former, future and currently those in 2013 who are planning this years 4th of July parade.

Program

12 M. to 1—

BAND CONCERT on Village Lawn

1 to 2—

BASKET PICNIC on Prospect Hill.

"Let's make this a real one."

2 to 3:30—

SPORTS, Prospect Hill.

	Prize	Presented by
1. 50-yd. dash for boys under 10 yrs.....	Eversharp Pencil.....	R. R. Seidl
2. 50-yd. bag race, boys from 10-15.....	Baseball.....	A. L. Palmer
3. 80-yd. dash for girls.....	Electric Curler.....	
	Broadalbin E. L. & P. Co.	
4. 50-yd. 3-legged race, open.....	Flashlight to each.....	
	Robert Grosso and Allen & Palmer	
5. Baseball throwing contest for girls.....	Box Candy.....	W. R. Smith
6. Baseball throwing contest for boys.....	Safety Razor.....	
	R. B. Cruikshank	
7. 100-yd. dash, open.....	Watch.....	F. N. Wright
8. Running broad jump, open.....	Brownie Camera.....	
	Kested & Bowman	
9. 50-yd. dash for boys, 10-15 yrs.....	6 tickets to movies.....	
	A. Grant Palmer	
10. Tug of war.....	50 Cinco Cigars	Neil Morrison

3:30—

BASEBALL GAME—

Broadalbin Bafflers vs. Amsterdam Polsains

7:00—

FILIBUSTER PARADE.

All Persons, Floats, etc., must report to Grand Marshal not later than 6:45, as parade will move at 7 o'clock sharp.

A prize will be given to the lady in the most fantastic costume.

A prize will be given to the gentleman in the most fantastic costume.

A prize will be given for the best decorated float.

Judges: Village Trustees.

8 to 12—

BLOCK PARTY.

Dancing on the pavement.

Organization

William L. Kested, President.
 William Strobel, First Vice-President.
 Harry W. Van Arnam, Second Vice-President.
 Herbert G. Corey, Secretary.
 Mrs. Jessie B. Miller, Treasurer.

GENERAL COMMITTEE

Hiram C. Denton, Chairman; Mrs. H. C. Denton, J. B. Crandall, H. W. Van Arnam, James Carpenter, Hugh Barker, F. N. Wright, E. G. Palmer, Mrs. E. G. Palmer, Mrs. M. S. McCoy, Mrs. Jessie B. Miller, Elwyn Mosher, I. C. Lawton, Dr. J. E. Grant, W. F. Carpenter, Robert Grosso, A. L. Palmer, H. G. Corey, Wm. R. Smith, R. J. Abrams, R. D. Buckingham, Mrs. R. D. Buckingham, Harry Randolph, Mrs. Harry Randolph, Clarence M. McCoy, Mrs. Clarence M. McCoy.

FINANCE COMMITTEE

William Strobel, Chairman; E. G. Palmer, I. C. Lawton, W. R. Smith, Joseph Moses, R. S. Robinson, Robert Grosso, R. J. Abrams, Jessie B. Miller.

DECORATING COMMITTEE

Hugh L. Barker, Chairman; George C. Fryer, Elmer E. Cole, Louis Abrams, Scott Downing, Fred Waver, Robert Grosso, Charles H. Duncan, Leon Horton, Harry Savage, Fred Olmstead.

PROGRAM COMMITTEE

E. G. Palmer, Chairman; Mrs. E. G. Palmer, A. L. Palmer, Mrs. A. L. Palmer, Dr. J. Edward Grant, Mrs. J. Edward Grant.

SPORTS COMMITTEE

Graham W. Olmstead, Chairman; Frank B. Chequer, I. C. Lawton, F. N. Wright, A. Grant Palmer, Wm. A. Foote, Jr., Robert Grosso.

PUBLICITY COMMITTEE

Harry W. Van Arnam, Chairman; James Carpenter, J. B. Crandall, C. H. Duncan, H. S. Lawton, R. R. Seidl, George C. Fryer, W. F. Carpenter, H. D. Drake, W. R. Smith, John R. Van Arnam.

POLICE COMMITTEE

I. C. Lawton, Chairman; Harry W. Van Arnam, Hugh L. Barker, Charles Miller.

COMMITTEE ON BLOCK PARTY

Harry W. Van Arnam, Chairman; I. C. Lawton, Frank B. Chequer.

RECEPTION COMMITTEE

John A. Willard, chairman; Mr. and Mrs. Robert J. Williams, Mr. and Mrs. P. H. Conroy, Mr. and Mrs. William H. Mosher, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Moses, Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Rothschild, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Stewart, Mr. and Mrs. George Robinson, Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Carpenter, Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Denton, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Lehman, Mr. and Mrs. James Carpenter, Mr. and Mrs. I. E. Bowman, Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Fry, Mr. and Mrs. George F. Smith, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Olmstead, Mr. and Mrs. Frank B. Hubbell, Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Palmer, Mr. and Mrs. B. Eglin, Mr. and Mrs. Lee S. Anibal, Mr. and Mrs. C. D. Blowers, Dr. and Mrs. C. J. Robinson.

Take note how many local organizations and individuals were involved back then. Hint hint!

MEMORABLE PICTURES OVER THE YEARS

The second division was the miscellaneous section with six subdivisions including decorated bicycles, pets, old farm equipment, old costumes, horse back riders, Boy Scouts from Camp Denton, Daniel Boone, baby carriages showing the 1873 and 1948 babies and the changes of caring for them during the years. The Gloversville American Legion Drum corps followed, by a delegation from that post, and the old "759" of Voiture 40 & 8 from Schenectady were in line. In this division the 1901 model car, the oldest licensed car in New York State, won first prize but the names of the owners and riders were not available.

Float Division

The float division of the parade, illustrating various interpretations of the old and new theme, was the most colorful part of the parade. The queen came first, followed by her attendants. Then came the float of Onolee Council, D. of P., the Boston Tea Party composed of Olive Andrews, Ruth Andrews, Martha Graff, Gaynell Spencer, Lucy Miller, Marguerite Burlingame, Sarah Madison and Margaret Fish, throwing tea overboard.

The second float of the Girl Scouts showed the girls busy at cooking, braiding and other activities. The Scouts were Margaret and Martha Crowter, Dorothy Dence, Gail Ellingwood, Mary Ann Langr, Joan Shufelt, Marie Cunningham, Dawn Arsenault, Betty Innis, Joan Yates, Lorraine Rhodes and Paula Langr.



Memorial Day Parade up at the Prospect Hill Cemetery

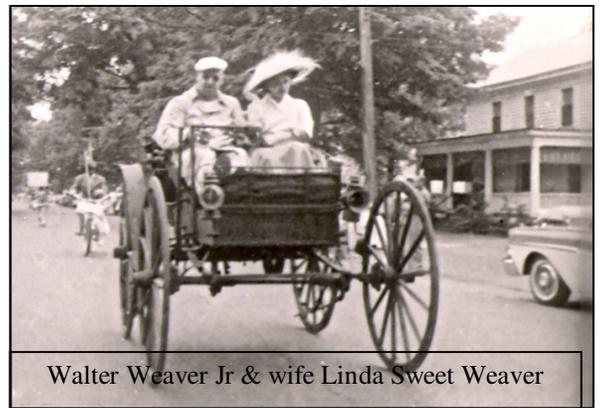
Nancy Mead, Hilda Fuller (leader) Helen Williams, Arlene Colby, Anne Zambella (Paulin) , Dottie Hovey, Leona Gifford (leader) Ruth Groff



Remember Eva Stuart marched in many many parades. Here she is taking a break sitting at Skip Wilson's Garaga



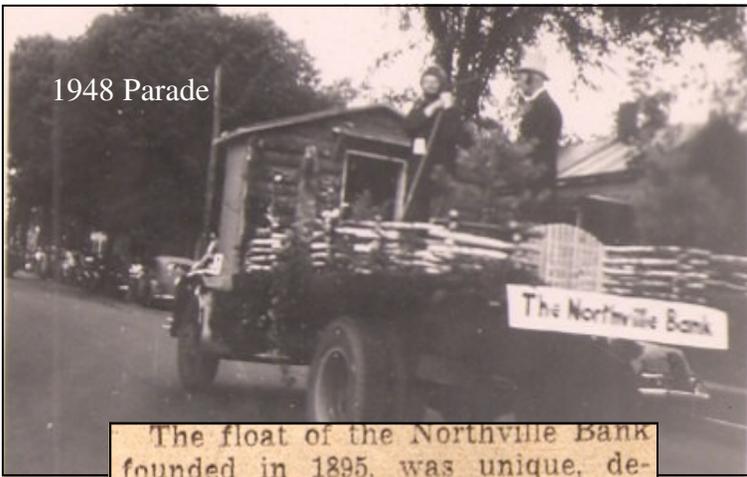
Nina Benton



Walter Weaver Jr & wife Linda Sweet Weaver

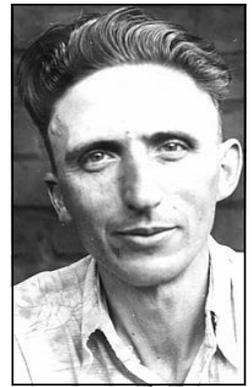


Clarence VanVranken



1948 Parade

The float of the Northville Bank founded in 1895, was unique, depicting a Daniel Boone log hut with Hiram C. Denton, and Harry D. Lawton as occupants of the hut.



We must not forget Frances Rhodes who marched in the parades for many years, often as a clown.



TAKING PART in the annual 4th of July parade in Northville, in 1954, was Oscar Horton's horse and wagon team. Remember when? (Photo courtesy of Ralph Snell, Johnstown)



Children reciting the Pledge Allegiance at the 4th of July Parade 1988



Memorial Day Parade about 1945. Recognize anyone? I think the young fella looking backwards is Jimmy Devine, next to him Bill Crannell.



Delgado House on South Main Street in the background....long since torn down.

1925

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**NORTHVILLE'S
OLD
HOME
DAY
SAT. AUG. 15**

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**BIG PARADE
BRASS BAND
BASE BALL GAME
FIREWORKS
DANCING ON STREET**

Everything Free!

PROGRAM

Band Concert at 10 o'clock,
on Village Lawn

PARADE TO START PROMPLY
at 11 O'CLOCK

First Division, Filabuster

Most Comical Dressed person in
line, \$5.00

Most Comical Float, \$5.00

Second Division, Commercial

Best Decorated Float, \$5.00

Second Best Decorated Float,
\$2.50

Third Division, Miscellaneous

Best Decorated Float, \$5.00

Second Best Decorated Float,
\$2.50

THE PRIZE WINNING FLOATS MUST
CARRY SIGNS OR BANNERS CELE-
BRATING OLD HOME DAY, OR
MUST BE NORTHVILLE CARS

AT 12 O'CLOCK, A SHORT
ADDRESS ON VILLAGE LAWN

BASKET LUNCH ON PROSPECT
HILL AT 1 O'CLOCK

PROGRAM OF SPORTS

50 yard Dash, Girls weighing 85 pounds

50 yard dash, Girls weighing 120 pounds

75 yard dash, Boys weighing 100 pounds

100 yard dash, Open

3 Legged race for Girls

3 Legged race for Boys

Base Ball throwing for Girls under 15

Base Ball throwing for Boys under 15

Wheelbarrow race, Open

Running Broad-Jump, Open

Tug of War. Limited to ten on a side

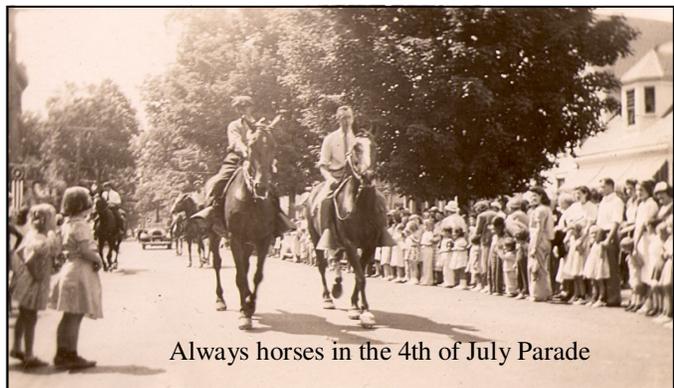
Base Ball Game

BLOCK DANCING from 7.30 to 9.30

FIREWORKS, 9.30 to 10.30

BLOCK DANCING from 10.30 to 12.00
MIDNIGHT

GOOD NIGHT



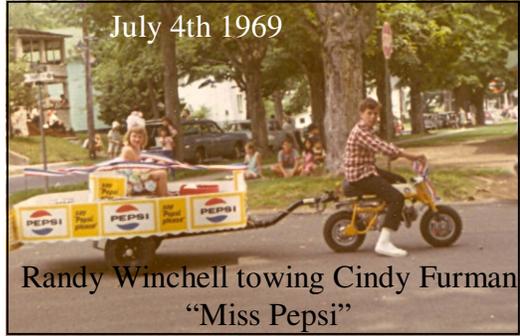
Always horses in the 4th of July Parade



Memorial Day Parade

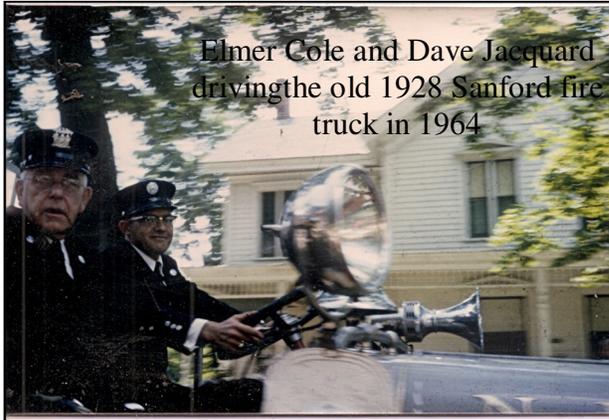
Loretta Darling leading the historical society as they carry signs denoting the wars our local folks fought in

A big part of the 4th of July Parades is/was all the candy thrown from the floats, antique cars, organizations, firetrucks, tractors, etc.



July 4th 1969

Randy Winchell towing Cindy Furman "Miss Pepsi"



Elmer Cole and Dave Jacquard driving the old 1928 Sanford fire truck in 1964



2012

Children waiting for the parade to appear



1969



Our Veterans

So many more pictures could be included here, especially all the bands. Everyone looked forward to seeing and hearing the Northville Central School Band.