

# Franklin-Northmoreland plan parade

by Michael Polk

It's three down and one to go, insofar as parades go, for the Franklin-Northmoreland Townships Joint Bicentennial Committee and associated groups.

The Joint Bicen Committee and associated groups have taken part in three parades thus far and will windup their display with a final parade on Saturday, June 19, when the route of march will be from the memorial in the Village of Centermoreland, Northmoreland Township, to the new Municipal Building in the Village of Orange in Franklin Township.

Edward A. Dorrance, Orange, chairman of the Joint Bicen Committee, has called a meeting of the Bicen Committee for tonight (Thursday) at 7:30 at his home when final plans for the parade will be made.

The parade is scheduled to get underway after the conclusion of flag raising ceremonies at the memorial in Centermoreland, starting promptly at 10 a.m. in the morning on Saturday, June 19. Flag raising will include the raising of the American and Bicentennial flags. Principal speakers will be Chester Baker of the Wyoming County Board of Commissioners, and Representative Frank O'Connell of Kingston. Introduction of both speakers will be by Chairman Dorrance.

The Rev. Paul Bauer, pastor of the three United Methodist Churches comprising the Carverton Methodist Charge, will offer invocation, and benediction will be by the Rev. Thomas Croghan, pastor of St. Frances Cabrini Church, Carverton, and Blessed sacrament Church, Centermoreland.

Centermoreland.

Parade route will travel from Centermoreland to Orange and ceremonies at the Orange Municipal Building are slated to get underway at 1 p.m. Participating also in the ceremonies in Orange will be Alex Matukitis, chairman of the board of supervisors of Franklin Township; Harold Hoover, secretary, and Russell Race, Sr., road supervisor of Franklin Township.

Among the parade units will be floats representing the Back Country Campers Club, Franklin-Northmoreland Townships Ambulance Association; Franklin Township Fire Company and its auxiliary; Bi-Centennial float with queens and attendants representing both townships; Orange-Centermoreland Little Leaguers and managers in uniform; boy and girl scouts; Vernon Baptist Church float; Back Country Horsemen's group; Tunkhannock High School Band, which will lead the parade; Wester Horsemen's Club with a big portion of its approximately 160 members marching on horseback and ponies; Wyoming Valley Motorcycle Riders with about twoscore motorcyclists, and other float and entries from the Back Country area.

Members of the Joint Bicen Committee were pleased with the awards given to floats from the area in regional parades. The Campers Club float, which was under the direction of Charles Goble of Centermoreland, took first place in the Memorial Day parade held in Tunkhannock. Basic theme of the float featured a log cabin depicting General George Washington praying at the cabin entrance for the success of his Revolutionary War

troops. The float also captured first prize in that division in the Back Mountain Parade held Saturday.

The float entered by the Franklin Township Volunteer Fire Company Auxiliary captured second prize in the Tunkhannock parade. It depicted a colonial scene with a junior Miss Betsy Ross in the person of Miss Nicole Gardner, and these auxiliary members in colonial dress: Mrs. Thelma Carey, Mrs. Gertrude Coolbaugh, Mrs. Althea Dymond, Mrs. Betty Jean Coolbaugh, Mrs. Eudora Baird, Mrs. Janet Zarno, Mrs. Roberta Gardner, Mrs. Beatrice Beatty, Mrs. Ethel Cooper, and little Miss Tracy Kurtinitis, who portrayed the part of the junior Betsy Ross in Sunday's Bicentennial parade in Wilkes-Barre.

Franklin-Northmoreland parade units also won prizes in the Back Mountain Bicentennial parade Saturday. (See related article Page 1).

The Northmoreland-Franklin Townships Bicentennial group in Sunday's "big parade" in Wilkes-Barre was led by the "official" car, which had as occupants Supervisors Alex Matukitis and Harold Hoover, Mrs. S. Richard Strazdus, Bicen Committee secretary, and Chairman Edward Dorrance.

Next in line came the Bicen Queens float including Sherri Goble, Northmoreland Township Bicen Queen and Debbie Smith, Franklin Township Bicen Queen and their attendants, Misses Cathy Allen, Terry Russell, Patricia Russell, Lori Miller, Donna Hoover, Kathy Lynn, Kunkle and Virginia Eaton from Franklin Township, and Claudia DeRemer and Barbara Randazzo, who attended the Northmoreland Township queen.

The Betsy Ross float, entered by the Franklin Township Fire Company Auxiliary, included Tracy Kurtinitis as the junior Miss Betsy Ross; Mrs. Gertrude Coolbaugh, Mrs. Thelma Carey, Mrs. Althea Dymond, Mrs. Betty Jean Coolbaugh, Mrs. Eudora Baird, Mrs. Janet Zarno, Mrs. Roberta Gardner, Mrs. Beatrice Beatty and Mrs. Ethel Cooper.

Then came the "prize winner"—the Campers Club float, which included a log cabin and showing George Washington praying at the cabin entrance for the success of the colonial troops in the battle for liberty in the Revolutionary war.

Following in the line of march was a noteworthy float entered by Vernon Baptist Church, which depicted a colonial worship service and the Franklin

Township Volunteer Fire Company truck.

Chairman Edward Dorrance on behalf of supervisors from both Northmoreland and Franklin Township expressed thanks and appreciation to all groups and Back Country residents for their cooperation in the making and display of floats. Special thanks was extended to the Tunkhannock area school band, which was the "official band" for the Back Country parade contingent, but was substituted for the Lake Lehman Band, when the latter entered a band competition that conflicted with the parade date.

# Back Mt. parade termed 'success'

The Back Mountain Bicentennial parade last Saturday was termed a "success" by the chairman. The parade involved more than 100 participating organizations and thousands of spectators.

Parade Chairman Robert Kelley said that the weekend and the parade itself were highly successful, and that no major problems interrupted the Back Mountain celebration. Congressman Dan Flood made a surprise visit and rode at the head of the parade, second only to Grand Marshals Sister Ann Miriam Gallagher, president of College Misericordia; and George Bierley, the director of Wilkes-Barre's Penn State campus.

The parade featured more than 85 units and about 48 of those were floats. For the first time in nine years, the Irem Temple Shriners were out in their full 600-man force and they were given the "best adult unit" award. The last time the Shrine paraders were in a Back Mountain parade was 1967 for the Dallas Sesquicentennial.

Other award winners were Lehman Brownie Troop 641 (best scout entry), Back Mountain Riders Association (best horsemen's group entry), the Pioneer Ancient Junior Fire and Drum (best fire and drum entry), Franklin and Northmoreland townships (best entry by municipalities), Dallas Jr. Women (best service organization entry), Dallas Fire Company (best fire company entry), Dallas High School (best high school band entry), Sweet Valley Snowmobile Club (best float entry with the Bicentennial theme), Lehman Fifth Graders (best youth entry), Back Mountain Jaycees (most unique entry), Franklin Township (Bicentennial theme), and, in a final category not yet awarded—Bernesco and Greater Nanticoke are vying for the best drill team entry award.

Parade judges were Victoria Gonzales, Bernie Banks, Dorothy Hislop, Leonard Kozick and Drew Fitch. Ray Krombel, with a 53:58 time,

won the 10 mile Bicentennial Run and Courtland Howard and Mark Weber finished behind him, respectively.

Dr. Rudolph Schleich, a professor at King's College, was the winner of the master's award.

Kelley said after the weekend that a year's worth of planning, meeting and work went into the three-day festival, and that he was "extremely proud of the way everyone did their job to make it all pull together!"

"It took a long time to put together what was one of the biggest Back Mountain parades ever, but my only concern that we had good weather—which we did on Saturday."

When asked if the 12-months of work was worth it, Kelley replied, "You bet it was—that was the proudest day of my life. I hope we can do this again next year for Memorial Day."

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# Overbrook Avenue steer evicted by planners

An Overbrook Ave. resident's attempt to gain approval for the housing of a steer in a barn on his property was denied during a May meeting of the Dallas Township planning commission, reversing an earlier indication of approval by Township Zoning Officer Leonard Kozick.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Brace reported to the commission during the

May 17 zoning hearing board that they purchased a home on Overbrook after receiving permission from Kozick to house the animal there. The issue was raised at the commission's April meeting and Attorney H. Monroe Houtz, representing a group of neighbors opposed to the permission, said he had expected to hear from the panel prior to the May meeting.

Houtz claimed the township zoning ordinance forbids the keeping of farm animals unless the property is a farm, a requirement that mandates a lot of at least five acres. The Brace property was reported to be 3.8 acres.

Commission Chairman Carl Goeringer said it was justifiable for Kozick to grant approval without the board in certain cases, indicating this was one of

the cases. During the planning meeting, Goeringer moved to approve the variance for the steer, a motion which was found to be in conflict with minutes of the group's April meeting.

Commission member Jay May then moved to approve the April minutes with a modification clarifying the ruling against the housing of the steer. The motion was approved 3-1 with commission member Eleanor Barnes voting in the minority.

In other business, the commission unanimously okayed a variance opening

a B3 area to C1 for a new installation under construction by Commonwealth Telephone Company, agreed to investigate a complaint, and denied permission for two temporary mobile homes proposed by two families planning to construct homes on Lake Catalpa Road. Commission members Barnes and Daniel Meeker voted to deny the mobile home approvals for a 2-2 vote.

The next planning commission meeting and zoning hearing board meeting is June 21, beginning with the zoning hearing at 7:30 p.m.

# Family Service plans workshops

The Family Service Association of Wyoming Valley, under the direction of Executive Director Anne Vernon, will present three two-day workshops in Family Life Education during June, July, and August, in conjunction with the Dallas Area School District.

The "Systematic Training for Effective Parenting" (STEP) will be held on Tuesday and Wednesdays, June 29 and 30, July 13 and 14, and Aug. 10 and 11 from 8:30 to 11:30 a.m. at the Dallas Intermediate Unit for parents of Dallas school children.

STEP, designed by Don Dinkmeyer and Gary McKay, has been adapted by The Family Service Association for use in the specially funded governmental project.

A series of charts, cassettes, and hand-outs will be utilized in the discussion groups during the seminars by the trained staff.

The first-day session, "Communicating Effectively With Your Children," will feature the concepts of effective and reflective listening, I-messages, and the exploration of alternatives.

The second-day seminar, "Helping Children To Be Responsible," will highlight the ideas of using logical consequences, being a responsible parent, and the understanding the goals of misbehavior.

Members of The Family Service Association staff who will be presenting the seminars include: Family Counselors William Roth, Cynthia Baron, Becky Osborne, and Fred Carberry.

Prior to the seminars this staff will participate in an in-depth training session conducted by Assistant Executive Director Theodora Berlatsky at the Dallas Intermediate unit

on Tuesday, June 15, from 8:30 to 11:30 a.m.

The entire workshop is offered by The Family Service Association of Wyoming Valley, a member agency of the United Way, as a community service and is designed to be an experience in prevention of family difficulties when dealing with pre-school, elementary, and secondary school children.

# Rotarian fund campaign at \$9,657

Dallas Rotarians this week reported that the campaign to raise funds for liquid gas chromatograph, blood serum analyzer, for Wilkes-Barre General Hospital has reached \$9,657 of the \$12,000 goal.

Rotary President Ralph Connors thanked fund chairman H.R. McCartney for his efforts to date in the project and asked donors who had not yet fulfilled their commitments to the fund to do so in the near

future. The machine is extensively used in the treatment of epileptics and drug abuse cases and in many other ways. At the present time the local hospital must send to Mayo Clinic in Minnesota for test results.

The Rotarians have planned a club assembly for their meeting this Thursday, July 1 will be the club's installation night for new officers.



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