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FIFTEEN CENTS

Sharp dressers



Dressed to kill; a line soldier of the 2nd Company. These gentlemen stood in lines and fired muskets at close range, often to a drum-roll accompaniment.

Donegal Rangers practice 'living history' at Donegal Mills Plantation

"We couldn't load fast enough to make good line soldiers," Dean Bechtold was saying. "Our style was WHOMP! —and then vanish into the trees."

Dean was dressed for the occasion: breechclouts and leggings, Kentucky rifle, goat-skin knapsack, and a twenty inch Bowie knife whose horn handle was inscribed with the motto, 'Death to Tyrants.' He was part of a demonstration of "living history" at Donegal Mills Plantation last weekend by the Donegal Rangers, a re-commissioned Revolutionary War group who whomped and vanished. The Rangers were "riflemen," backwoods soldiers armed with accurate rifles instead of muskets, who lived in the woods and fought Indian style.

In addition to being experts on the history and tactics of their predecessors, today's Rangers do their best to imitate the lifestyle of those times. Almost all of their gear and clothing is home-made from the same materials that were available to frontier Rangers of yesterday. In this modern world, made mostly of plastic, that can take some real digging.

"You could spend an entire day in Park City and not find anything suitable," says Ranger Mike Cohan. Mike's shirt is made from pure linen fabric obtained at an art supply house —that's the only place he could find it. The Rangers' weapons are mostly hand-made, as are their shoes, pants, tents, and many of their utensils.

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Sharp shooters



A dead-eye drinks red-eye: Dean Bechtold of the Rangers exemplifies the "riflemen," or backwoods sharpshooter. They did their fighting from behind trees.

No Soap?



Curtis Palmer of Marietta poses with his creation. What is it? Well, it weighs 220 pounds and goes 40 m.p.h. Story on page 11.

Get a bang! —in Marietta on the 4th

The Marietta Jaycees are sponsoring a big three-day weekend of fun and games for the 4th of July this year.

Marietta's War Memorial Park will be the site of the festivities. On Friday, July 1st, the doings will start at 6:00 p.m. with bingo, games, rides, and refreshments. Music will be provided by "High Tide." The fun will last far into the night.

At 1:00 p.m. on Saturday, when you've recovered from Friday night, there will be more of the same. At 8:00 p.m. the "Susque-

hanna River Revue" will play. Midget baseball All-Stars will play starting at 2:00 p.m.

The big day is Sunday. Besides the rides, games, bingo, and refreshments, there will be more music by "High Tide" at 7:00 p.m., kiddies' games at 2:00, and two hours of old-fashioned prices from 1:00 to 3:00. Once it gets dark, the largest fireworks display in Lancaster County will take place over the park.

Why drive hundreds of miles and risk your neck? Stay in Marietta and have fun.

Odd, even football will be played —parity game will feature players of all ages

Does Donegal produce better football teams in odd years or in even years?

The world will get a chance to learn the answer to that question when Odd Alumni meet the Even Alumni under the lights at Donegal High on August 26 (that's a Friday) at 8:15 p.m.

Anyone who once played football for Donegal is eligible to join one of the two teams. The contest will pit old against young,

brother against brother, and odd against even. To join a team, former athletes must submit an application form before July 20. To get an application form, contact Gayne Deshler at the high school, Booster Club president Edgar Jones, or Rick Breault. One of those three men must receive your completed application by July 20, if you want to play.

The game will be sponsored by the Booster Club.