

Pioneer Fire Company holds a carnival



Oliver Overlander and son take an exciting ride at Pioneer Firemen's Carnival in Marietta last Saturday night

Mount Joy Sportsmen to hold a course in hunter education

The Mount Joy Sportsmen's Association will again sponsor a hunter education course on Saturday, August 23.

This one day course will get underway at 1:00 p.m.

Participants may register at the clubhouse. No equipment or materials is needed.

Registration starts at 12:30 p.m.

The Pennsylvania Game

Commission requires that all persons under 16 years of age must qualify to purchase their first hunting licenses by satisfactorily completing the Hunter Education Course offered by the club.

This is a fine opportunity to meet the requirements needed to obtain that first hunting license. The course is free.

Dates for 1976 hunting season

Tentative opening dates for 1976 hunting seasons have been established by the Pennsylvania Game Commission for the convenience of sportsmen who have to schedule vacations in advance.

The archery deer season next year is tentatively scheduled to open on Saturday, October 2.

The tentative opening date for 1976's early small

game season is Saturday, October 16, while the general small game season is tentatively scheduled to open next year on Saturday, October 30.

Tentatively, the 1976 bear season is scheduled to open on Monday, November 22.

The antlered deer season opening date was previously established by commission action as the Monday following Thanksgiving, November 29, 1976.

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200 years ago this month the men of Donegal took up their rifles and marched to Cambridge, Massachusetts. There they joined a fight that lasted six years and saw them battling the British in most of the states of this new nation.



* When Donegal settlers enlisted in the Rangers, they were given a shilling to bind the contract.

The Donegal Rangers Today

We are forming the Donegal Rangers again on the occasion of America's 200th birthday. We see this rifle company as a very tangible way of making all Donegal aware of some of its contributions to the Revolution.

We'd like you to join with us. We'll be helping to celebrate locally through living history demonstrations and re-enactments, and the Rangers will be taking part in activities up and down the East Coast. (We're marching from Maine to Quebec this September, just as the Rangers did in 1775.) We offer you experiences, adventures, a chance to recreate history... and a shilling. On the ninth of August we'll be recruiting in the Sultzbach/Reinhart House in Marietta (on the Elbow). Oh, yes - and we are still binding contracts with a shilling.



The Donegal Rangers in History

The Donegal Rangers were first organized during the French & Indian War to help protect the Scotch-Irish frontier settlements of Pennsylvania.

In 1775 they became part of Matthew Smith's Rifle Company of Thompson's Battalion. They fought under Washington at Boston, under Arnold at Quebec, and saw service throughout the colonies for the length of the war.

Being this authentic isn't easy.

Clothing.

Most of the original Rangers were farmers, and when the call to arms came from Congress, they didn't wait around for uniforms. They were a motley crew then, and we are bound and determined to represent them as faithfully as possible. That's why the 20th Century Rangers look so much like the 18th Century Rangers.



You'll notice we come in farmer's tatters, hunting frocks, and uniforms left over from the French and Indian War.



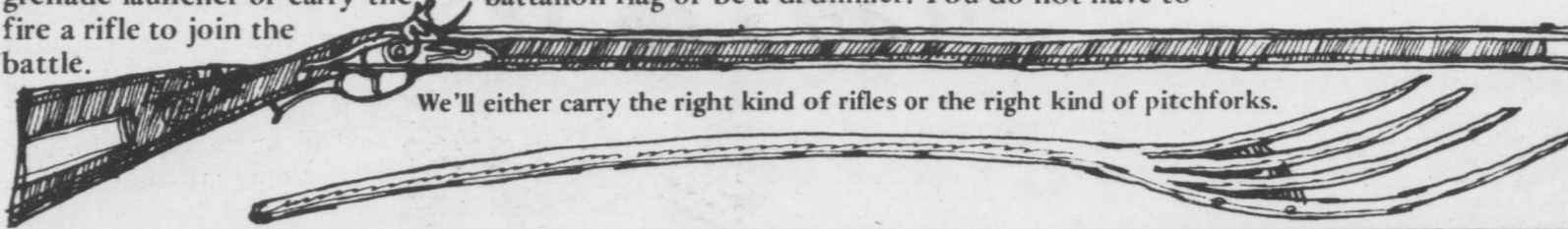
Not every group goes as far as we do to be authentic. For instance, these fellows are all dressed in captain's uniforms. That's an easy solution, but we wonder which captain gives the orders?

Weapons.

In 1775 the men of the American frontier were the finest sharpshooters anywhere. Our Pennsylvania rifles were extremely accurate and deadly weapons, and Donegal men knew how to use them. We're particular about the weapons. If you've got a post-1781 gentleman farmer's rifle with beautiful inlays and fancy brass work... leave it in its cradles... bring a period hay rake or have one of Donegal's fine contemporary blacksmiths forge a pike for you. Or you could help man our grenade launcher or carry the battalion flag or be a drummer. You do not have to fire a rifle to join the battle.

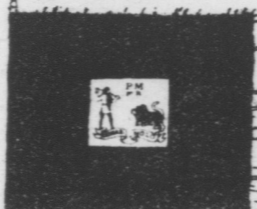


All Donegal Rangers carry tomahawks.



We'll either carry the right kind of rifles or the right kind of pitchforks.

Thompson's Battalion Colors.

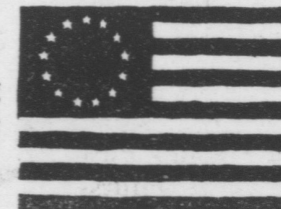


Attitude

What kind of people are we looking for? Well, if you can imagine yourself living and surviving in Colonial America, we're looking for you. We're looking for history buffs and folks who want an extraordinary way to spend the beginning of our third century as a nation. We need the people who are still committed to the ideals of the American Revolution.

Sound corny? Look around you, and start counting Tories.

Our first Stars and Stripes.

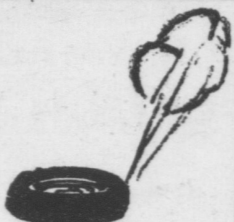


Recruitment Day, Saturday, August 9, 1975

at the Sultzbach/Reinhart House on the Elbow in Marietta.

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