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The 4th of July Celebration Was a Grand Success in Every Respect and Everybody Perfectly Satisfied

Not since the Centennial, ten years ago, has Granville been so united and so enthusiastic in its demonstrations of patriotic and civic spirit as was shown Monday in its third annual observance of a safe and sane Fourth. Granville people did not need to go away to celebrate, for it was celebrated right here at home on a more magnificent scale than anywhere else in the county.

The fact that the celebration had been in the making for weeks and that it had been thoroughly advertised had the effect of bringing to Granville one of the largest crowds of people that ever gathered here for any previous Fourth of July celebration, and the occasion proved more of a success than even the most optimistic of its promoters had anticipated.



The Parade, July 4, 1915

The parade under the direction of Field Marshal, Roe Morrow, was a fine exhibition of local enterprise, including several beautiful symbolic floats, scores of automobiles, horse drawn vehicles, fantastics, etc., greatly enjoyed by hundreds of people along the line of march, which was north on Pearl, east to Granger, south to Broadway, west to Shepardson College, counter march on Broadway and east to the old G.F. C. grounds where the picnic dinner under the direction of Mrs. A.K. Follett was held. Seating accommodations were provided for several hundred people at tables beautifully spread. Following the dinner, the real significance of the day's doings was embodied in the program furnished by Superintendent Strong's committee which was as fine an "Americanization" exercise as could be found in this country.

Dr. W.A. Chamberlain presided, introducing the various performers in his happiest manner, music by the famous Granville high school band opened the program, invocation by Rev. E.D. Barnes followed by music by a double quartet, the reading of the Declaration of Independence by Madie Sayre: the raising of the colors, to the bugle call sounded by Prof. Ernest Shepardson; saluting the flag; music by Miss Chrysler and several school children.

Prof. Chamberlain then made some introductory remarks introducing at the close the speaker of the afternoon, Mr. Charles W. Montgomery of Newark. Rev. David Bane, the new rector of St. Luke's Episcopal church, also pleased the audience by remarks he was called upon to make.

The athletic events were given on the business block and were witnessed by hundreds of people, the scorers were Prof. C.D. Coons and Mr. Frank L. Ferguson. The judges were: Messrs. Burton Case and L.A. Austin -- The winners in the events were:

THE PARADE.

Mayor Bay, Mounted.

Two fine saddle horses belonging to Mr. J.S. Jones.
Granville Band.

Decorated autos of L.A. Austin, Fred Miller, George Futerer, Byron Evans, Edward Wright, Watkin Thomas, Fulton Van Voorhis (filled with old soldiers), S.E. Morrow,

Simpson & Thompson, H.W. Deming, John Thomas, Roe Morrow, Fred Hobart.

Fred Siegle, two wagons.

Greased pig in wagon.

W.C.T. U. float.

Wright & Robinson, vehicle drawn by four horses.

King's Daughters float.

THE 1914 PARADE, THE BASH ICE COMPANY AND THE D.A.R. FLOATS





*FLOATS BY THE
THE KING'S
DAUGHTERS
AND THE LIBRARY
IN 1914*

- Fred Buxton, jewelry.
- Library float.
- Lou Neldon, float
- Daughters of Rebekah, float.
- Burton Case, decorated auto, representing his peach orchard.
- Eastern Star, float.
- Pythian Sisters', float.
- Jenkin Jones, decorated buggy.
- Belt & Atwell, cement.
- Chester Montgomery, flour and feed.
- Charles Rogers, fantastic.
- Jack Upham, fantastic.
- Public School Band.
- O.C. Jones, pony rig.
- Daughters American Revolution.
- Howard & Obitts, metal workers.
- Frank Weston and Wm. Thomas, fantastic.
- E.H. Hammond, transfer.
- E.M. Bolen, delivery.
- Adelbert Pratt, fantastic.
- Blue Bird's float.
- Bishop & Coulter, restaurant.
- George Bash, ice.
- Fortnightly Club, float.

The parade awards were: for float, first prize to the D.A.R.; second prize to the Pythian Sisters. Automobiles, first prize the Burton Case, horse drawn vehicle, Wright & Robinson, livery.

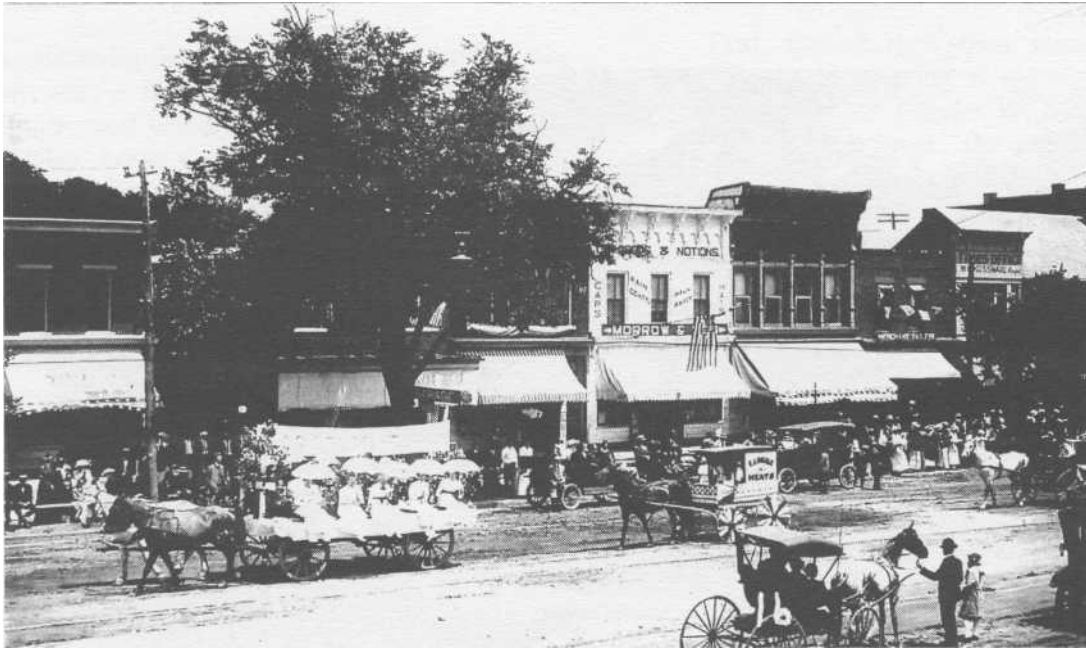
Fantastics, first prize, Judson Harmon as Uncle Sam; second prize to Charlie Rogers. Honorable mention was made of the fantastic by Frank Weston and Will Thomas who presented the little three-year-old "Safe and Sane Fourth." Judges on parade were: Mr. S.B. Garwood of Columbus; Mr. R.D. Williamson of Granville and Mr. Frank L. Ferguson of Newark.

Immediately following the parade the large crowd adjourned to the campus of the old Granville Female College on East Broadway, where numerous family picnics were held and where a most enjoyable social time was had for an hour or more, when the following program of exercises was carried out on a large platform that had been erected on the campus grounds here:

THE PROGRAM OF EXERCISES.

- Prof. W.A. Chamberlain, chairman
- Music, Granville School Band
- Invocation, Rev. E.D. Barnes
- Music, Mixed quartet
- To the Colors (trumpet call and raising of the flag
- Music, "Red, White and Blue," School children.
- Address, C.W. Montgomery, attorney, Newark
- Address, Rev. David Barre, the new rector of the Episcopal Church
- Music, "America," Audience, led by band

At the conclusion of the exercises at the Jones grove,



The Fortnightly Club and F. J. Siegle Meats Floats, July 4 1914

the assemblage repaired to the vicinity of the postoffice on Broadway, where the following program of athletic events was pulled off to the great enjoyment of all:

Athletic Events.

Burton Case and L.A. Austin, judges; C.D. Coons, F.L. Ferguson, scorers

Obstacle Race (limited), First prize, five pounds of lard, F.J. Siegle; second prize, 50 cents in cash, John DeBow. David Hla, first, L.T. Steadman, second.

Fifty Yard Dash (limited), First prize, pair tennis shoes, Fred Miller; second prize, pressing suit, Rufus Johnson. Ray Miller, first; R.E. Bishop, second.

Sack Race (boys under 15), Fifty yards, first prize, can olives, Elza Bolen, second prize, box Spearmint gum, Bishop & Coulter. Morris Price, first; Davil Hla, second.

Fifteen Yard Potato Race (for girls), First prize, pair beauty pins, Fred Buxton; second prize, box candy, Case Brothers. Luella Green, first; Bessie Hale, second.

100 Yard Dash (limited), First prize, razor, John Geach; second prize, box stogies, George Futerer. T. T. Pettinger, first; Ray Miller, second.

Wheelbarrow Race (open), First prize, shoeing one horse, John Evans; second prize, massage and shave, Fred Gosnell. Homer Gano, first; Ray Miller, second.

220 Yard Dash (open), First prize, bottle grape juice, Chrysler & Son; second prize, hair cut, shine and shampoo, Enoch Johnson. T.T. Pittenger, first; Ewart Carney, second.

Fifty yards, backwards (open), First prize, shirt, Morrow & Son; second prize, hair cut and shave, Alex Roberts. David Hla, first; Leonard Nichols, second.

Bicycle race, limited, First prize, five-pound can of lard, Geo. Piper; second prize, sack cement, B.O. Cheshire. Herbert M. Wright, first; Arthur Bawden, second.

440 yard dash, limited, First prize, \$1 in cash, Chester Montgomery; second prize, shoeing horse, Byron Evans. Walter Reese, first; Clyde Ables, second.

Egg race for girls, First prize, glassware, George Werner; second prize, box candy, J.E. Ackley. Margaret Chamberlain, first; Helen Ables, second.

Three legged race (boys under 15), First prize, one case pop, Bishop & Coulter; second prize, box candy, W.P. Ullman. Arthur Evans and Carl Vandembark, first; David Hla and Freeman Haskins, second.

Base ball throw (boys under 15), One prize only, \$1.25 base ball, George Thompson. David Hla, first; Bernard Hundley, second.

Race for men over 30 years old, 100 yards, First prize, sack of G.M. flour, Perry Brothers; second prize, one pound of tea, J.W. Lowery. Enoch Johnson, first; Gail Gano, second.

Fifty yard dash (boys under 15), First prize, necktie, Roe Emerson; second prize, hair cut and shampoo, Chas. Perrin. David Hla, first; L.T. Steadman, second.

100 yards (for boys under 15), First prize, fifty cents in cash, H. LaFerre; second prize, two round trip tickets to Newark, Charles Belt. David Hla, first, L.T. Steadman, second.

Relay race (open), First prize, \$3 in cash; second prize, one cake, Little Gem Exchange. Joseph Haskins and Ewart Carney, first; Earl Futerer and Ralph Bishop, second.

AT BEAVER FIELD

Automobile race, one mile, First prize, \$2 in cash, Granville Bank company; second prize, one half sack flour, Ashbrook Milling company. Charles Belt, first; George Thompson, second.

The greased pig was captured and loaded in a wagon by Oral Lines, while an exciting ball game between Kirkersville and Granville resulted in favor of Kirkersville by the score of 2 to 1.

FIRE WORKS AND BAND CONCERTS.

The delightful day closed with a band concert given in front of the post office by the two bands which had furnished splendid music during the day, the High School and Granville Cornet Bands. 246 automobiles were parked on Broadway and the street was crowded with pedestrians. The fireworks, under the management of Mr. John A. Owen, and his efficient committee, were the finest ever seen in Granville, and the crowd voiced its approval by a pandemonium of honks and squawks for the autos. At 9 o'clock the band boys closed their splendid program and the big show was over. An immense number of people, estimated at the least calculation to be 2500 to 3000, witnessed the display.

Taking it all through the celebration was one of the sanest, safest and most enjoyable ever held in the village, and one that every citizen of Granville is proud of.

"The success of the celebration is due in large measure to the indefatigable efforts of the splendid committee who had the affair in charge, and they are deserving of unlimited commendation."

"Our Library" made a handsome showing in a beautifully decorated float.

The big parade is still spoken of. Mr. J.S. Jones

exhibited two of the finest saddle horses to be found in Ohio, ridden by two of his men in the procession Monday.

Mr. Harry Miller's excellent coffee, so generously furnished for the big picnic dinner on Monday, was greatly appreciated by the hundreds who partook. The table committee, Messrs. W.A. Mitchell, W.E. Megaw, and Byron Eggleston did some splendid work in assembling and placing the tables, furnishing seats, and more than all in returning the property uninjured to its owners.

Mr. Burton Case's automobile which received the prize was a seasonable advertisement of his peach orchards so soon to harvest their handsome crops. Large branches of peach trees bearing fine peaches already "blushing in beauty," were fastened to the machine, and fancy baskets filled with fruit and covered with pink gauze tied in front with big bows were suspended in front and at the sides. Mr. Case says that peach time will begin about the middle of August.

FOURTH OF JULY CONTRIBUTORS

The following persons contributed to the Fourth of July celebration since our last time.

There are still a few who have subscribed and not paid. They will confer a favor if they will give the money to Mr. Harry Pierce at the bank as soon as possible so the finance committee can make a final report.

W.A. Chamberlain	\$1.00
H.P. Montgomery	0.50
M.P. Ashbrook	1.00
Wm. Jones	0.50
A.E. Hayes	1.00
S.P. Tresize	0.50
Mrs. Ahos. Marston	2.00
Mr. J.G. Ewart and Elizabeth Ewart	1.00
D.C. Gilmore	0.50
E.J. Case	1.00
B.G. Ashbrook	1.00
Lee Moore	0.50
R.J. Owen	1.00
C.F. Hunter	0.50
J.S. Jones	5.00
L.S. Twining	0.50
H.F. Darrow	5.00
P. Biefeld	0.75
F.A. Ray	1.00
S.P. Yingling	1.00
J.D. Campbell	5.00
Geo. O'Daniel	1.00

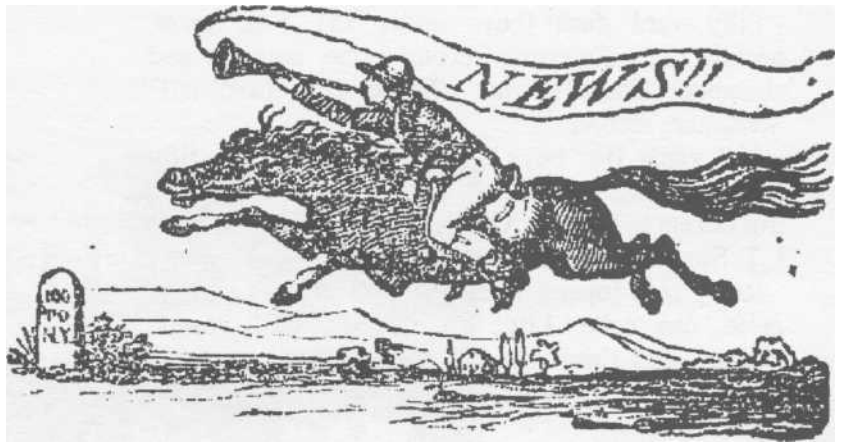
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A Sane Fourth

No, there has not always been a Fourth of July parade in this community. The Granville Times of July 8, 1909 noted that Granville had enjoyed a Sane Fourth. "There was very little doing here, and everyone that could get out of town did so. ... The day of celebration was decidedly quiet."

Some citizens decided that a patriotic holiday deserved more. The Civic Improvement Society began to plan. In 1910, nearly every home and business was decorated with flags or bunting. The Improvement Society canvassed the Village for funds to mount an "elaborate pyrotechnic display" which followed a concert of patriotic airs by the Granville Band. "From start to finish the air was full of flying fireworks, Roman candles, etc., while buzzing pin wheels and flower pots added the dazzling display that was one that delighted even the Fourth of July pessimist."

"GRANVILLE TO CELEBRATE" was the headline in the May 29, 1913 Times. The Civic Improvement Committee decided that enough money was paid in or promised to have a memorable Fourth of July celebration. Committees were appointed for Fire Works, Parade, Dinner, Program, Band, and Athletics. On June 26th the schedule was published; 10:00 Parade, 12:00 Picnic on the Granville Female Grounds, 3:00 to 4:00 Athletic Stunts, 4:00 Ball Game on Beaver Field, and 8:00 the Fireworks display. The July 10th issue of the Times carried a glowing report of the day. "On all sides were heard the same remarks: This has been an ideal day: the best fourth Granville ever had; next year, well you just wait till next year!" Notice the 1914 Parade pictures throughout this issue.



Old Colony Burying Ground Tour

On a beautiful evening, June 1, 2000, several of Granville's early residents "returned" to tell about their life and times. A large crowd was guided in groups to hear their stories. Theophilis Rees, (1747-1826) portrayed by Tom Martin, represented the Welsh settlers who were delighted to welcome their new neighbors December 1805. Mahala Thrall (1793-1854) told of the life of a pioneer mother who lost three young children before the tragic death of her husband. She was portrayed by Marilyn Sundin. John Senn portrayed Joshua Linnell (1786-1871) who was an active member of the community for its first 66 years. The only gravestone with a Welsh inscription marks the grave of Ezekial Griffith (1810-1830) a young man of promise who was portrayed by Eric Evans. Emeline Rose (1841-1855) told the stories of this important immigrant family and of the excitement of men leaving for the "gold rush" in 1849. Laura Cramer gave a convincing portrayal of this child. Sophronia Gilman (1822-1835) was visited by her sister Lucy and two friends who sang some of the hymns she loved. Lucy and her friends were portrayed by Barbara Martin, Susan Brattain and Peggy Pound.

The current restoration of the cemetery is transforming The Old Colony Burying Ground into a beautiful historic park. Seating areas and plantings have been installed. If you have not visited recently, you are invited to come and enjoy this peaceful spot which commemorates the settlers who designed Granville and shaped its development. Brochures describing two well marked self-guided tours are available at the gate.

Show Visitors the History of
Granville

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to help as a host in the Museum

Historical Marker Proposal

A combined committee of several historical societies has submitted a proposal to the Ohio Historic Marker Program requesting assistance in funding an Ohio Historic Marker honoring the Rosecrans Brothers from Homer, Ohio. William Starke Rosecrans was a famous Civil War General, possible nominee for the vice-presidency of the United States, member of Congress, Ambassador to Mexico, and nominee for Governor of Ohio. His younger brother, Sylvester Horton Rosecrans, was the first Roman Catholic Bishop of the Diocese of Columbus, a leading religious leader of his day, a staunch defender of the Union in the Civil War, and a published theologian. Both brothers grew up in Homer, William going to West Point and Sylvester to Kenyon College in Gambier.

The Civil War Roundtable of the Granville Historical Society helped sponsor the application for this marker, along with the Homer Historical Society, the Catholic Record Society, and the nine Roman Catholic parishes in Licking and Knox Counties.



Laura Cramer as Emeline Rose at the Old Colony Tour on June 1, 2000

The Downtown-Granville Program

The Granville Professional and Business Association, with Ruth Owen at the helm, has undertaken leadership for preservation initiatives in Granville. Working with the Downtown Ohio Preservation Program, Three sub-committees worked throughout the winter and spring and made their recommendations to the Village Council and the Township Trustees at a joint meeting in May. The Committees are: Beautification of the Downtown area, chaired by Connie Barksy and Pat Moller, Cultural/Social, chaired by Tony Lisska, and Commercial, chaired by Kim Downs and Chip Gordon. Many recommendations were forthcoming from the committees, which will be of interest to members of the Granville Historical Society. Retaining Granville's historical significance has been an important goal throughout all of these discussions.

The work of the Downtown-Granville Committee was featured at the Ohio Historic Preservation Meeting, "Building Successful Communities: Preservation and Revitalization," held in Columbus in late May. One session, with nearly fifty participants in this statewide program, came to Granville for a walking tour and dinner at the Granville Inn.

Downtown-Granville has worked with Downtown-Ohio, which is associated with the National Trust for Historic Preservation.

New Lights in the Museum

During the winter new track lighting was installed in the Museum and the electrical system completely updated. Old wires were removed and every connection was checked. This not only enables us to highlight and properly illuminate the exhibits for optimum viewing, but it also improved safety for our historic collections and for our visitors.

We were busy on the lower level, too. The walls and floor were refinished and the exhibits cleaned and rearranged. Stop by soon and admire our new

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» **Coming soon:**

The schedule for the 2000-2001 meetings of the Civil War Roundtable will be in the next issue.



Granville from Flower Pot Hill, south of town, about 1910

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