

Gouverneur Host to Thousands on 150th Anniversary

By The TRIBUNE-PRESS Staff

The "Welcome" on the tri-colored pennants centered in the red, white and blue banners strung across Main street and across almost every storefront expressed the keynote of the Gouverneur Sesqui-centennial celebration, for during the week May 24-30, 1955, Gouverneur was host to tens of thousands of people from all parts of northern New York, in addition to hundreds of former residents who returned home for the community's 150th "birthday party."

The event had received indeed, wide publicity not only through the local and most of the North Country press but over radio stations WWNY and WCNY-TV, WATN, WSYR and WSYR-TV, and even some of the national hook-ups, including the Steve Allen show over NBC-TV.

There was even a special post office cancellation, and arrangements were made through Postmaster Frederic E. Price for several thousand first day cachets.

Every colorful occasion of this kind must have its queen, the sesqui-centennial being no exception. In fact, at the annual Easter festival ball staged by the hospital auxiliary, a sesqui-centennial queen and her court were selected.

These girls, all of whom participated in almost every major event of the celebration, were: Queen Marlene Gollaher and the following ladies-in-waiting: Mary Jane Ruderman, Sandra Howe, Leona Phelps and Carole M. Davis.

Indeed, there was also a Gouverneur Sesqui-centennial song, composed by Dr. Charles Stahl with lyrics by Mrs. Sterling L. Tait.

Explorer Scouts from Troop 22 conducted a flag-raising ceremony at the flagpole at the western end of the village park at sunrise Tuesday morning, and repeated the ceremony daily throughout sesqui-centennial week.

The same boys performed the official flag-lowering ceremonies daily as sunset.

Typical of the hospitality and "welcome home" atmosphere throughout the community was the decision of James Maloy Post 65, American Legion, to hold "open house" at the Legion home throughout the week.

Flower Show

First event on a long and colorful calendar for the week was the annual Garden Club flower show with the sesqui-centennial as its theme, and held in the parlors of the First Presbyterian church.

Here it was, in fact, that WWN Y's "Harriet" broadcast her "Harriet Meets The Ladies," as a live show starting at 9:30 a.m.

It was fitting for Harriet (Dorothy Young Parr), to be commentator for the program, as a native of the North Country, born in Star Lake, and having attended Gouverneur High school.

At approximately 11:30 Tuesday morning a half-hour radio show sponsored by the Rushmore Paper company was tape recorded. This program consisted of interviews by Harriet and Ward Hamilton with the Sesqui-centennial Queen and her court and prominent officials of the celebration.

Pee Wee League

By this time, too, most of the 21 different historical and industrial displays were in place in Main Street store windows, one of the great attractions of the celebration.

During the day hundreds of school children, with their teachers as escorts, visited and passed through the New York Central railroad's special one-day exhibit on Tuesday.

Located at the railroad station were several cars of Pullman and passenger equipment, in addition to one of the Central's latest snowplows.

Meanwhile, a handicraft exhibit opened in the village library under the direction of Miss Ruth Easton, with more than 30 exhibitors.

In the evening, the Pee Wee Baseball league held a dance and family night party in the recreation center, John Street, to conclude the day's events.

Historical Society

Wednesday was St. Lawrence Historical society day, and it began with dedication of a New York state highway historical marker in the Town of Fowler, indicating the site of the first talmill in the United States. Principal speaker was William G. Tyrell, historian, state education department.

The visitors then retired to the parlors of Trinity Episcopal church for luncheon and a few addresses on the afternoon's events.

Under direction of local members of the Historical society, in the afternoon some 70 persons participated in a tour of historic sites in the Town of Gouverneur.

This was concluded with a silver tea at the home of Justice and Mrs. Paul D. Graves on the Richville road. Here guests examined ancient documents and political relics, with the Gouverneur Women's Republican club as hostesses.

Late in the afternoon, Gouverneur Chiefs, local semi-professional baseball club, played a league game with Lowville, trimming the visitors by a score of 6 to 0, with pitcher Carl Sleeman on the mound.

In the afternoon, too, the village board opened the municipal power plant to public inspection from 1:00 to 5:00 p.m.

Fashion Show

The Business Women's club, who had already contributed substantially to success of the celebration through organization of "sisters of the swish" to urge local women to appear in old-time costumes, staged a fashion show in the Oral English room of the high school, with Mrs. Harry Mills as director.

Both modern and old-fashioned garments were displayed by local models, the 1955 apparel being loaned for the occasion by Gouverneur merchants, with Armand Messier as chairman.

The village pumping station was opened to public inspection from 1:00 to 5:00 p.m. Thursday.

D. A. R. Tea

High ideals of patriotism with spiritual values was the theme of the program presented by the Gouverneur Morris Chapter, D. A. R. on its guest-day held at the home of Miss Grace Corbin, Thursday afternoon, in the observance of the sesqui-centennial.

Two patriotic societies, the Daughters of Union Veterans and the E. H. Barnes Woman's Relief Corps were special guests of the chapter, appearing in bonnets and costumes in the colors of the U. S. flag. Many other guests were present including a number of potential members of the D. A. R.,

the Rev. and Mrs. Richard K. Janke, Mrs. Merritt W. Updyke, and Mrs. Anthony E. Jefferson, formerly of Rose, N.Y.

Mrs. James Papayanakos, who had written a poem for the Sesqui-centennial entitled "Heritage, or Keeping Their Faith" was an honored guest. The poem was read by Miss Blanche Hodgkin.

"Our Town"

Highlight of Thursday's celebration was the Rotary club's presentation of Thornton Wilder's play, "Our Town." Playing to a capacity audience, this completely amateur cast put on so professional a performance that a Tribune-Press reviewer was moved to exclaim:

"Somehow the members of the cast were inspired to interpret the heartwarming story of *Our Town* so that it was understood by the youngest people in the audience, and so that each person there identified himself with someone in the cast, and saw in the characters his own, intimate friends."

The cast included H. Townsend Carpenter, stage manager; Philip Nelson and Madeline Brown as Dr. and Mrs. Gibbs; Sanders Heller and Leona Updyke as Mr. and Mrs. Webb; Robert E. Graham, George Gibbs; Helen Heller, Emily Webb; Clifford Hay, Howie Newcome; Glenn Van Valkenburg Joe; Joan Houston, Rebecca; Stuart Crowner, young Wally; W. Worth Parks, Professor Willard, the man-in-the auditorium and Joe Stoddard; George Cotter, Simon Simson; Earl Walrath, Constable Warren; Norton Taylor, Sam Craigh; Joan Taylor, Mrs. Soames, Helen Stiles, the lady in the box; Dorothy Best, woman in the balcony; Philip Washburn, Si Cronwell.

The play had the effective assistance of assistant stage managers, Charles A. Jones and Gordon Hay, and the sound effects man, Howard Pollard. Director was Miss Alita F. Hunter with Mrs. Crowner and Mrs. Kraker as assistants. Dr. N. D. Crowner was production manager. Others included make-up committee, Kay House, Ruth McQueen and Margaret Steele; costume committee members, Mrs. Pollard, Mrs. Nelson and Mrs. Dailey and properties director, Harold A. Storie.

Charles A. Jones was business manager; Robert E. Witt, ticket committee chairman; Dr. W. F. Haenel, publicity director. In charge of the lighting effects were

John Flanagan, Charles Klink, John Fitzgerald, Sherwood Dean and John Dolan. Prompters were Mrs. Bailey and Marion Lieneman and the ushering committee, Helen Parks, Dorothy Best, Flora Jean Conklin, Betty Haenel, Frances Jones, Maxine Hay and Maybelle Pistolesi.

On Thursday evening, too, the sesqui-centennial committee opened a series of "rides for the kiddies" at the fairgrounds, including a merry-go-round, chair-o-plane and ferris wheel set up by Gillette Bros. Rides of Pittsfield, Mass., with a percentage of the income to go to the sesqui-centennial.

Relief Corps Luncheon

Beginning at noon on Friday, E. H. Barnes Post, Women's Relief Corps., staged a chicken fricasse luncheon in the dining room of the Odd Fellows hall, open to the public.

Historic Pageant

That evening, teachers and near-500 children of Gouverneur elementary schools climaxed weeks of planning and rehearsals with a historic pageant in the high school auditorium.

Critics from the Crane School of Music at Potsdam echoed the opinion of local people when they exclaimed that they wouldn't have believed it possible for children in the elementary grades to sustain for such a long period the quality of music which accompanied the pageant. The three part singing of one chorus, the continual background music and the choral speaking would have done credit to any high school group.

History and Music

The history of Gouverneur, compiled and edited by Mrs. Darrell Huntress, fifth grade teacher at the East Side Grammar school, as read by Mrs. James Rubar, third grade teacher at the West Side school and Mrs. Maude Seaker, principal and sixth grade teacher at the same school, held the attention of the audience for over two hours.

As the story unfolded, children from all of the classes acted out the events with pantomime, dances and tableaux.

The musical score was arranged and conducted by Mrs. Joseph Morse of the music department, and the band arrangement of the Sesqui-centennial song was made by Mr. Morse, also of the music department, who played the accompaniment for all of the numbers.

The art work for scenery and backdrops was done by the children under the direction of the individual classroom teachers supervised by Miss Lillian Todd, art consultant.

Miss Lillian Carney was chairman of the costume committee assisted by Mrs. Mae Fitzgerald, Mrs. Korleen Finegan, Miss Helen Lynde and Mrs. Marjorie Smith.

The Big Parade

Probably the largest crowd ever assembled in Gouverneur was held enthralled for 45 minutes beginning at 1:30 p.m., Saturday as unit after unit of a gigantic parade, each seemingly more impressive than the last, filed past the reviewing stand in a great Sesqui-centennial celebration.

Seven bands, soldiers from a Military Police outfit from Camp Drum, antique cars, agricultural, industrial and fraternal floats, boy scouts, girl scouts, ancient horse drawn vehicles, oxen, prospectors and bicyclists, even two ancient horse-drawn hearses—they were all there to make up one of the most unforgettable spectacles that Gouverneur in all its 150 years has ever seen.

From the moment Mrs. Mildred Dalton as Uncle Sam appeared leading the procession until the last thrilling sound of the music from the Gouverneur High school band died out, round after round of applause came from the thousands of spectators.

Early in the morning the streets were lined with cars from the village limits on West Main street to the Richville road, on all streets along the line of march and all adjacent side streets for blocks around. By the time the parade was passing the reviewing stand, there was one solid mass of humanity from curbstone to store front along Main street and even stretching out into the street, while every window above the main floor level in the stores was jammed with smiling faces.

Mustering almost their entire membership (those who weren't there had more important responsibilities elsewhere) the Gouverneur Volunteer Fire department joined forces with the village police department to handle the traffic problem, which was complicated as much by the route of the parade as by its length, for a number of ingenious detours had to be devised—and manned—under the direction of Police Chief Steward Ritchie.

Working with the village police, too, were a sizable detachment of New York State police, Troop 'B', and several deputy sheriffs under command of County Sheriff Henry Denner, Canton.

The parade was "organized" under the expert military direction of Col. Frederic F. Drury, in various echelons on the fairgrounds and in adjacent streets. When co-chairmen William Sullivan and Herbert Bartholomew gave the starting signal exactly at 1:30 p.m., the long line of march got underway immediately.

The parade passed down Rock Island street to East Main and thence across the bridge to West Main as far west as Reed street. Here the marchers turned left onto Prospect street for the return march, to Hailesboro, West Main, Clinton, Barney and back to the fairgrounds. People crowded every inch of the sidewalks and lawns all along the line of march.

Named as the best appearing band was the group from Madrid Central school who won the first prize of \$50. Next was the Ed-

wards Central school band with an award of \$25 and third, the Lowville Academy band with a prize of \$15. Receiving honorable mention were the Gouverneur High school band, the Hermon High school band, the Antwerp High school band and the American Legion band.

The Military Police from Camp Drum were selected as the best marching group with the Civil Air Patrol from Gouverneur, Hermon and Madrid in second place and the Boy Scouts from Troop 50 in third place. Scout Troops 22 and 21 from Gouverneur, Scout Troop 24 of Balmat, Scout Troop 48 of Spragueville and Cub Packs 21 and 50 of Gouverneur and the James Maloy Post of the American Legion were given honorable mention.

Best in the commercial floats was the New York Telephone company with the prospectors from St. Joseph Lead, second; and Scott's International, third. Tomlinson Brothers Gravel, the Atlantic Refining Company, Gouver-

neur Auto Parts and Canali's hotel rated honorable mentions.

The best of the organizational floats was the agricultural float prepared by the Macomb Sunshine 4-H club which proclaimed the "Cow Is Queen." Girl Scout troop No. 5 was in second place and the Gouverneur Grange, third. Honorable mention in this classification was given to the V.F.W., the V.F.W. auxiliary, the E. H. Barnes No. 200 W.R.C., the Lions club, the Gouverneur Fire Department, the Scouts and Cubs of Pack 50, the Gouverneur Morris Chapter, D.A.R., the Chamber of Commerce and Boy Scouts of troop 22.

Also receiving appreciation certificates were the Dads of Foreign Service Veterans, the Elmdale Happy Hustlers 4-H, the Oxbow Happy Hummers 4-H, the Scotch Settlement Roamers 4-H, the Johnstown New Idea 4-H, the Johnstown Builders 4-H, the Rock Island 4-H, the Scouts of Troop 21, the Gouverneur Town Board, the Gouverneur Village Board, the Church of the Nazarene, Cub Pack 21 and the James Maloy Post, 65.



THE SESQUI-CENTENNIAL QUEEN AND HER COURT drew round after round of applause as they proceeded down Main street in the gigantic parade May 28. Shown riding in a new 1955 automobile are Marlene Gollaher, Queen of the Sesqui-centennial; Leona Phelps, Carole Davis, Sandra Howe and Mary Jane Ruderman, members of her court.

The Heuvelton Trail Riders were judged the best equestrian group with the Putman Stables of Brier Hill, second, and the Merry Stables of Ogdensburg, third. Honorable mention in this group went to the Monarch Farms, the Campbell Stables of Gouverneur and the Parishville Riding club.

The high bike ridden by Kenneth Filiatrault of Antwerp received the first prize in the historical vehicles class with the Old Time hack of Ogdensburg, second, and the Burr and Green antique hearse, third. Honorable mention was given to the buggy driven by Earl Smith.

The best historical feature was Prospector Malcolm Lowry on a donkey. The Richville Grange rated a second in this class, and the hearse by the Lynn Sprague establishment, third.

The most unusual historical feature was named by the judges as the Girl Scout float drawn by George Lockie's famous oxen. Clowns from Lowville were second, and Pete, the prospector, third. Honorable mention went to "Shorty" Wall on a donkey.

The best appearing horseman was Mary Stewart of Heuvelton with Doris Laidlaw of Monarch Farms, second, and Douglas Blair of Antwerp, third.

One of the most outstanding features of the parade was the long line of antique automobiles. As each vehicle rolled by purring like the proverbial kitten, auto enthusiasts from the crowd called out the year and model in something approaching awe. Oldest and first prize winning car was the 1910 Ford driven by William Brunt of Massena. Second were the 1911 Flanders, Laurence Petrie, Ogdensburg and the 1911 Ford driven by Arthur Rotundo of Gouverneur and third, the 1915 Model T Ford of Robert White of LaFargeville.

The best restored antique car was the 1918 Chevrolet belonging to Lyman Backus of Ogdensburg. The 1916 Buick driven by Mrs. Backus was rated second in this class and the 1923 Rolls Royce of Charles Demon of Brewerton, third.

Certificates of appreciation were given to Lyle McCormick of Ogdensburg for his 1926 Rolls Royce; Fred Johnson of Pennellville, N.Y., 1925 Franklin; Arthur Petrie, Richville, 1923 Franklin; Fred Maginn, Gouverneur, 1926 Model T Ford; Paul Seymour,

Gouverneur, 1919 Ford; John Weir, Ogdensburg, 1916 Overland; Kenley Peck Halesboro, 1924 Ford; Philip LaPorte of Gouverneur, 1929 Studebaker.

Sports Events

Sports events in the afternoon included a baseball game between Gouverneur Central school and Watertown and a high school track meet between Gouverneur and Canton. In the first event, Watertown high school outscored the local central school squad, 9 to 8, in a see-saw contest that saw the lead change several times over the regular seven inning route. It evened the exhibition series between the two teams at one victory each, Gouverneur taking the Watertown tilt by a 10 to 8 count.

Kaley, Benware and Adams worked on the mound for the locals and Adams was charged with the loss, while Sayers came on to relieve Watertown's Burnett in the last of the fifth to get credit for the victory.

In the dual track meet Gouverneur registered the victory in a very close meet, 106 to 100. In the morning, the Gouverneur Junior Varsity baseball team defeated the Potsdam Jayvees, 9 to 2, with Rocky Livingston tossing a nifty one-hitter.

Soon after began an event which had been long in planning, and which proved to be one of the most outstanding parts of the sesqui-centennial celebration.

Miss Blanche Hodgkin, beloved teacher and friend of thousands of young people who had attended Gouverneur schools, had begun sending the invitations as far back as February, and now the occasion was at hand—the alumni dinner served by the Dorcas Society in the parlors of the First Presbyterian church.

Alumni Dinner

Keynote of the banquet at which more than 600 graduates and friends of the Gouverneur Wesleyan seminary and the Gouverneur High school gathered, was the simple ceremony conducted by Ryland H. Hewitt, class of 1908, and author of the Alma Mater. As they sang the verses and chorus, he spoke briefly between stanzas.

Miss Hodgkin, as alumni chairman, was the gracious mistress of ceremonies, and she had the pleasure of seeing her plans for a "Old Home Week" banquet come true as she introduced such famous alumni as Edward John Noble

and his brother, Robert Noble; Alfred (Pete) Ramsey, former principal who returned for his first visit in 15 years; and Mrs. Frederick F. Drury, who represented the oldest class present. Mrs. Drury graduated from the Gouverneur Wesleyan seminary in 1887.

Much of the sentiment of the guests was reflected in the words of Mr. Noble who in recalling amusing happenings of his early days, named old friends as the closest and those remembered with loyalty and depth of feeling.

Introduced also at the banquet by Miss Hodgkin was Dr. Eugene G. Bewkes, president of St. Lawrence university, who regretted that he had not attended a small high school and so was deprived of the pleasure of a reunion such as was held Saturday evening. Dr. Bewkes spoke also of the closeness of the university to Gouverneur and the many alumni of the institution who came from Gouverneur.

Miss Hodgkin in addition called on Edwin McFalls of Cleveland, Ohio; former Superintendent of Schools Charles Lewis of Canton, Earl Babcock and present superintendent of the school system, Frank W. Mason.

Certificates were awarded to guests who had travelled the longest distance to attend, representative of the oldest class, alumnus or alumna with the largest number of children graduates of GHS, with the largest number of grandchildren graduates, etc.

The convocation and benediction were given by Rev. Merritt W. Updyke, pastor of the First Presbyterian church. The sesqui-centennial song, written for the celebration by Charles Stahl, with lyrics by Mrs. Sterling L. Tait, was sung by Mrs. Nyles D. Crowner and a trio consisting of her daughter, Miss Nancy Crowner, and Miss Thelma Jane Updyke and Miss Judy Farley. Mrs. Thomas E. Farley, accompanied.

A medley of old songs was presented by contralto Mrs. Joseph E. McAllaster, accompanied by Mrs. William H. Foster. Rev. Mr. Updyke sang "Put on Your Old Grey Bonnet," and "I'll Take You Home Again, Kathleen."

Nelson B. Winters, co-chairman of the sesquicentennial committee, assisted in presenting certificates. Other committees were headed by Mrs. Faye Ross, president of the Dorcas society, Mrs. George Grif-

fifth and Mrs. Clarence Hill, food committee; Mrs. John Overacker, dining room; Mrs. Ella Woodworth decorations; and Mrs. Van D. Wight, Mrs. Harold D. Kinney and Miss Patience Seaker, tickets. Mrs. Clyde Bame, Miss Eleanor Fletcher, registrars.

Over 500 Guests

The list of persons attending the dinner included:

Hazel E. P. Jenne, Port Chester; Florence Earle Merrick, Grace Mills Pyke, Niagara Falls; Mrs. Allan A. Griffin, Elmhurst; Helen M. Potter, Gouverneur; Ernest Hartley, Osceola, Pa.; Don W. Norton, Depauville; Bell Merritt, East Syracuse; Kate H. Callahan, Mr. and Mrs. Carl B. Olds, Edith L. Vail, Mr. and Mrs. William Laidlaw; Luella Noorton; Margaret Elliott Eddy, wife of Nelson Eddy's father.

Also, Donald Starbuck, Chicago; Sara Merrick Snell, Potsdam; Mary Barnum Bush Hauck, Harrisburg, Pa.; Bruce D. Collins, Clinton; Lucie Freeman Charter, Alyce Charter Painter, Dorothy L. Close, John B. Callahan, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur J. Laidlaw, Frances Earle Graham, Syracuse; Robert G. Cottrell, Gertrude Whitmore Peabody, Doris Peabody, Mr. and Mrs. Van D. Wight, Mr. and Mrs. John Sipher, Marian C. Murray, Jean P. Magee, Bernice Hodgkin, all of Gouverneur; Robert D. Hodgkin, New York city; Mr. and Mrs. A. Laurance Lewis, Watertown.

Also, Mr. and Mrs. Leigh (Ruth Austin), Garrard, Richville; Dorothy L. Close, White Plains; Mrs. L. A. (Hazel O.) Gould, Watertown; Ernie Donald Rype; Betsey Caten Deuval, Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Hay, Dorothy Dods Kraker, Dorothy Bame Best, Jessie Elliott Howland and J. B. Howland, John Overacker, all of Gouverneur; Mr. and Mrs. Leo (Eileen Carroll) Thompson, Niagara Falls; Betty A. Thompson, Ithaca; John C. O'Brien, New York city; Mrs. Peggy Magee Foster and Mrs. Dorothy Drury Cathers, both of Gouverneur.

Also, Mr. and Mrs. Morris W. Lee, sr., Mr. and Mrs. Edward Hutton, Dr. and Mrs. Foster T. Drury, Gouverneur; Robert Peabody, Mr. and Mrs. G. Wilson Dods, Judge and Mrs. Paul D. Graves, Mr. and Mrs. Edward H. Case, Mr. and Mrs. Frederick F. Drury, jr., Mr. and Mrs. Ward Grimshaw, Anne Brown, all of Gouverneur.

Mr. and Mrs. Norman Pickert, Mrs. A. D. (Pauline Webster) Wagner, Mrs. Flora Pendleton, Bertha Eckmann, Gouverneur; Mr. and Mrs. B. M. (Mayfred Sutherland), Tyo, Massena; Emory H. Jones, Carthage; Mr. and Mrs. Harold W. Hull, Antwerp; Mr. and Mrs. H. G. Towilson, Syracuse; Ruth Easton, Gouverneur.

Harriet Campbell Trowbridge, Adams; Mabel Johnson McMartin, Westmoreland; Mr. and Mrs. G. J. Wight, Waynesboro, Pa.; Mrs. Allan A. Griffin, Elmhurst; Leo A. and Leah M. Fortune, Ogdensburg; Charles D. Kane, Helen M. Potter, Ruth Work Jones, Lela Streeter Coates, Betsy Hall, June Hall, Netta Whitton Wood, Earle G. and Jessie Smith, all of Gouverneur; John M. McNally and William D. McNally, William D. McNally, jr., Buffalo. Altha Smith, Mrs. Mindon Woodward, Mrs. Doris Sigourney, Jane E. Smith, Marjorie Hosmer Drummond, all of Gouverneur; Mr. and Mrs. Harry Hewitt, Cortland; Leah Gates Whitcomb, Springfield, Vt.; Mrs. Doris Hughes, Buffalo; Walter Mills, Syracuse; Eleon R. Sipher, Canton; Mrs. Walter Doyle, Verona, N. J.; Mr. and Mrs. Howard S. Smith, Painville, Conn.; Mr. and Mrs. Ross E. Abbott, Syracuse.

Mrs. Louise Hadley, Carthage; Alyce Barker McClain, Webster; Mary Spilman Riley, Chazy; Betty J. Davis, Fowler; Olive Carter, Schenectady; Eva W. Mosher, Binghamton; Mr. and Mrs. Donald T. Carroll, Fayetteville; Mr. and Mrs. James R. Katzman, New York city; Mrs. Esther Katzman Leome, New Rochelle; Helen

Barker Shinnock, Ruth Hockey Homer, Mr. and Mrs. Harvey L. Gleason, Harlon J. Seamon, George E. Bush, Kathryn E. Bush, Martha Willenbacher, Edward J. Carroll, all of Gouverneur.

Emma F. Richardson, Roxbury; Allan A. Griffin, Elmhurst; Rodney B. and Betty Lee Kerr, Potsdam; Mrs. Roy J. Claflin, Richville; Eileen Laberde, Syracuse; Charles A. Storie, Syracuse; Merritt A. Murray, Watertown; Andrew K. Laidlaw, Hudson; Mr. and Mrs. Elmer L. McGuinness, Depeyster; Mr. and Mrs. Harold H. Webb, Plattsburgh; Mr. and Mrs. James D. Griffin, Glens Falls; Mr. and Mrs. Harold Towilson, Syracuse; Richard Netters, Watertown; Mrs. Cora Goodale Bristol, Fulton; and Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Burns, Balmat.

L. D. and Adelaide Beach Kerr, Dorothea Skinner, Maraleen Smith, Mr. and Mrs. Dean DeLong, Laurence Lenahan, Frances Simons Jones, Mr. and Mrs. Harold D. Kinney, Grant Kaley—father of eight Gouverneur high school graduates; Mr. and Mrs. Victor Judge, Gouverneur; Mr. and Mrs. Paul J. Smith, Margaret Herring, Gertrude McIntyre, Eleanor Christian Turner, Dick Christian, Mrs. Jane L. Christian, Mrs. Jane Wight Bailey, Weldon P. Lynde, all of Gouverneur.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry B. Abbott, Syracuse; Mr. and Mrs. E. Vincent Carrey, Massena; Harold and Louise Webster Washburn, Ellisburg; Harriet Spooner, Richville; Worth A. Judge, Port Chester; Grace Whitmore Babcock, Oswego; Clyetia Mandigo Rushman, Canton; Adeline Drake Hutchins, Canton; Charles and Helen O'Brien Redmond, Evans Mills.

Don E. Huddleston, Canton; Corrine L. Campbell, Antwerp; Noble Thraves, Gouverneur; Ruth M. Watson, Gouverneur; Pauline A. Engelbert, Antwerp; Deborah Parker Mead, Gouverneur; Jessie Austin Carroll, Orchard Park; Betty Bennett Ranson, Arlington, Va.; Bertha H. Bennett, Gouverneur; C. Ralph Bennett, New York city; Arleen Bristol Halstead, Fulton; Corinne and Roy Temple, Spragueville; Joe and Margaret Huntley, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph E. McAllister, Mrs. Howard Shippee, M. June Fuller, Pauline Newman Simons, all of Gouverneur.

James W. and Keitha W. Dickson, Antwerp; William Frank Colthart, Canastota; Ruth West, Port Chester; Mr. and Mrs. Earl A. Bigarel, Watertown; Earl G. Cotton, Buffalo; Ernest Hartley, Osceola, Pa.; Ruth B. Adams, Watertown; Don W. Horton, Depauville; Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Peterson, Pennington, N. J.; Eleanor Sayer, Watertown; Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Lewis, Canton; Belle Merritt, East Syracuse; Iva L. Dods, Staten Island; Florence Earle Merrick, Mr. and Mrs. F. W. Fenner, New Hartford; Mr. and Mrs. Everett Clark, Mexico; Bruce Freeman, Antwerp.

Mr. and Mrs. Nelson B. Winters, Audrey Freeman, Vaughn Corse, Helen E. Lynde, Elva Foster Rowley, Moills P. Ryan, Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Fosgate, Mr. and Mrs. Sterling L. Tait, Jack Ruderman, Dede Curtis Herheim, Hazel Dickson, John Allen Webster, Eugenia Smith MacMillan, Kenneth Taylor, Mrs. A. F. McAllister, all of Gouverneur.

Lydia Phillips Vrooman, Carthage; Katherine Hansen, Watertown; Gertrude V. Vrooman, Gouverneur; Elizabeth Garvin, New York city; Myrtle W. Bryan, Rome; Mrs. Wilbur F. Clark, Syracuse; Don Woodcock, Syracuse; Dr. Joseph D. Ruderman, Watertown; Mrs. Harry Hanson, Wappinger's Falls; Dr. and Mrs. Alexander E. Dods, Edwards; Diane Rolf, Gouverneur; Eleanor Brown Mills.

Mrs. Robert Hay, Mrs. Larry Mashaw, Mrs. Allen Austin, Maude V. Seaker, Vera King, Joe King, Catherine Close Vogt, Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth C. Smith, Mr. and Mrs. Elmer H. Jones, Helen Dygert Graf, Ann Finnegan Hughes, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph F. McAllister, Doris Howe Hosmer, Forrest Hosmer, all of Gouverneur.

Christine Hosmer, Syracuse; Mrs. Douglas (Blanche Hardy) Danfelt, Hagerstown, Md.; Mrs. John W. Hardy, Canton; Mrs.

Carl Fry, Depauville, Vera Van Ornum, Theresa; Mrs. Myron E. Van Ornum, Theresa; Harry Hansen, Watertown, Miss Olive Carter, Mrs. Nancy Carter, Schenectady, Edward R. Perrin, Palmyra.

Miss Josephine Johnson, Mrs. Annie Richardson, Mrs. Inez Hall Streeter, Mrs. Ray Hurst, Harlon J. Seamon, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Scott, Helena Freeman, Laura A. Stafford, Paul McCullough, Henry R. White, Adelaide White Brown, Ora Spencer Fuller, Bea Julia Spencer, Max Levinson, all of Gouverneur.

Louis Bullock Johnson, South Yarmouth, Mass.; Helen Dowdson, Massena; Marjory Davidson, Chaumont; John Davidson, Massena; James Carl Davidson, Chaumont; Belle L. McKee, Watertown; Beulah Latham Whitmore, Lyons; Mr. and Mrs. Archie Murray, Ogdensburg; Alfred C. Ramsay, Montclair, N. J.; Ralph McCullough, Syracuse; Gordon W. Turnbull, Kantagh; Donald A. Starbuck, Thousand Island Park; Earl B. and Helen D. Babcock, Akron, O.; Alice Lynde Lynch, Antwerp; Richard Farmer and Betty Shinnock Farmer, Dunellen, N. Y.

Paul and Marian Mosher, Greenville, Pa.; Marion Stafford Hewitt, Norwich; Mr. and Mrs. James J. Garvin, Schenectady, Miss Petra Garvin, New York city; Hannah Jones Mosher; Louis Hardy, Mr. and Mrs. Everett Latham, Mr. and Mrs. Donald (Betty Burr) Monterville; Helen I. Beatty, Mr. and Mrs. Leon J. Sterling, jr., Mrs. Weldon Lynde, Margaret Jackson Ritchie, Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Leigh, Thomas J. Whitney, Charles and Louise Fuller Anderson, Harriett Leach, all of Gouverneur.

Edwin and Elizabeth McFalls, Cleveland; Mr. and Mrs. Malcolm C. Brown, Rochester; Helen Sprague Gardner, Canton; Mr. and Mrs. Charles H. Anthony, Kate H. Callahan, M. L. Donald, Mrs. B. O. (Kathleen) Kinney, Robert C. Smith, Velma F. Wilson.

Marion Boulet, Barbara Mercer, Stella Hunkins, Pearl M. Orvis, Edith L. Vail, Mrs. Robert Whitmore, Harold A. Storie, Mr. and Mrs. Maurice V. Johnson, Grace H. Corbin, Ala L. Smith, William W. Turner, Henry J. Curtis, Edith Curtis, Bill Sullivan, Roy T. and Edna H. Allen, Margaret Garvin Robillard, all of Gouverneur.

Betty Maloy Brown, Myrtle Armstrong Johnson, Julia Davis, all of Antwerp; Fred H. Gardner, and Helen Gardner, Union Springs; Ivan Westland, Fayetteville; Grace Mills Pyke, Niagara Falls; Marion Storie Lewis, Sandy Creek; Mr. and Mrs. Harry Barberry, Chittenango; E. H. and Ruth McCoy, Greig, Morrisburg, Ont.; Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Mosher, Niagara Falls; Mrs. Faye McFerran LeFevre; Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Richardson, Detroit, Mich.; Myron E. Van Ornum, Theresa; Dorothy Prouty Dobbs, Watertown.

Glen P. Farmer, Myrtle Whitmore Bryan, Edith Clark Woodward, Clark B. Woodward, Mary Rodger Tait, Helen Tait Walker, Malcolm Rodger Tait, Jean Tait Koch, Jane Boughner Kelley, Carol Webster, Elmira; Smith O'Brien, Syracuse; John C. O'Brien, New York city; Dorothy Harvey Corbin, Lena Price Lohnieller, Brooklyn; Zena Roach Thrall, Syracuse; M. Harold Thrall, Ogdensburg; Theon R. Thrall, Syracuse; and Mr. and Mrs. Mason R. Smith, Mr. and Mrs. John Belknap.

Firemen's Dance

The one disappointment of the week came when an electrical storm disrupted power Saturday evening and "blacked out" the dance at the high school, sponsored by the Gouverneur Volunteer Fire Department. A second attempt was made to hold a block dance on Sunday evening, but again rain forced cancellation.

But in the spirit of the occasion, most of the members of the or-

chestra refused to accept payment for their services, and although the department offered to refund money paid in for tickets they could find no "takers."

Sunday, too, was a full day, beginning with special memorial services in local churches.

In the early afternoon, Gouverneur Chiefs played another league game to top Raymondville 8 to 7. At 5:00 p.m. began the mammoth train excursion to Edwards and return via the New York Central.

The Train Ride

Over one thousand people jammed the eight cars of the excursion train on this trip, when residents of the area made the three hour run over what used to be a much traveled route.

Children from the village, the surrounding towns and even two bus loads of students from Edwards thrilled as Cowboy Cliff, of WCNY-TV, entertained them with jokes and chatter and good naturedly signed autographs and answered questions.

Some real thrills were added when "armed bandits" attacked the sesqui-centennial train, forcing open the doors of the baggage car and "looting" the mail sacks. Meanwhile "fifth columnists" within the passenger cars drew neckerchiefs over their faces and with "blazing" guns forced prominent citizens to march before them through the cars.

All this until they encountered Cowboy Cliff who tussled with "Bad Boy" Glenn Johnson, and after a struggle "the good guys won." Later when the train pulled into the Gouverneur station, the culprits were lined up before the tracks, handcuffed and chained under the watchful eyes of Marshals Bob Bockus and Pat McCarrtha. Crime did not pay, and the "bad men" were thoroughly convinced of the fact when the marshals, keys to the handcuffs in their pockets, walked off and left them.

The "crooks": "Baby-face" Abby Patton, "Dangerous Donald" Sprague, "Desperate Dean" DeLong, "Bozzo" Bob Ritter and "Scarface" Ogden Cameron.

At Edwards, Station Agent Mott Meldrim welcomed the travelers and refreshments were available at the V.F.W. stand. During the train ride Supervisor Donald Peck and Edward Carroll led in the

singing of popular and old time songs.

The Girl Scouts sold refreshments from a special "dining car" section in a combination coach and baggage car.

Memorial Services

Rev. Anthony E. Jefferson, newly appointed pastor of the First Baptist church, delivered the principal address at the Memorial Day services honoring the heroes of all wars held Monday at eleven o'clock in Riverside cemetery.

Mr. Jefferson was introduced by Master of Ceremonies, Harold Jerome.

Wreaths were laid on the simulated grave of the "unknown soldier" by patriotic organizations, Mrs. Susie McPherson presenting the wreath for the Woman's Relief Corps, Mrs. Cecile Healy for the DUV, Commander Jack Hayden for the VFW, Commander William Sullivan for the American Legion, Mrs. Ruth Boscoe for the VFW auxiliary, Mrs. Grace Bulger of the Legion auxiliary and Harold Gaebels of the Dads of Veterans of Foreign Service.

During the service Miss Blanche Hodgkin delivered the Gettysburg Address. The invocation was given by the Rev. Merritt W. Updyke, pastor of the First Presbyterian church, and the benediction by the Rev. William C. Wood, pastor of the First Methodist church. The playing of America by the Gouverneur Central high school band opened the ceremony which was concluded by the playing of the Star Spangled Banner by the American Legion band.

The combined Legion and VFW Firing Squad fired a salute to all war heroes as a final tribute. Taps was sounded by Edward Carroll.

Field Day

High on an extremely interesting and exciting card of sports events Monday afternoon was the international game between Gouverneur Chiefs and Huntington, Quebec, as a part of a whole field day of activities at the fairgrounds, beginning at 2:00 p. m.

Here the Chiefs made a clean sweep with an impressive 11 to 4 win.

Sleeman Stars

Pitcher Carl Sleeman, had posted the club's two previous sesqui victories, gaining the decision on Sunday afternoon over Raymondville in a brief late inning relief

job. The big righthander aided his mates to victory in the Huntington game with a long homerun blast in the eighth inning.

Chief Earl Fletcher also hit for the circuit in the Raymondville tilt, and Art Tibbits started the scoring on Monday afternoon with a round-tripper in the bottom of the third inning.

Harness Matinee

Another feature event of the sports program was the outstanding harness races served-up by race secretary James Hull and his matinee committee. Attracting a large field of entries from many of the outstanding northern New York stables, the race meeting found Miss Eddie D winning both heats of the 2:30 class event in a large field of eight horses. Driver Cryderman edged out Collette's Miss Lincoln Scott in the first heat and withstood a gallant bid by Barker's Princess Regent the second time out.

One of the closest races of the day, the 2:22 class event, found woman driver, Miss Bobbie Huntress, winning in straight heats. The capable driver was forced to stave-off a bid by Jimmy Hull's McKlyo C in the first heat and come from behind to top "Old Mack" in the stretch of the second heat.

The Veterans Free-for-All was won in straight heats by George McLearn's Irish Mick. The grand circuit veteran did the mile in 2:18, the first trip to turn in the fastest time of the matinee.

Officials

Officials for the harness matinee were Donald Peck, presiding judge; Charles Holland of Mas-sena, starter; Roy T. Allen, clerk of the course; James Hull, race secretary; Clark Malady, George Lockie and Cliff Summers, timers, and Charles I. Ruderman and Scott L. Brown, associate judges.

Trophies were donated by the V. F. W., American Legion, Murphy's Jewelers, Lido Restaurant, Dailey & Planty's Grocery and Conway's Studio.

HARNESS MATINEE 2:30 Class

| Horse | Driver | 1st | 2nd |
|--------------------|-------------|-----|-----|
| Princess Regent | Barker | 3 | 2 |
| Miss Lincoln Scott | Collette | 2 | 6 |
| Miss Ogdensburg | LeBean (W.) | 4 | 3 |
| Miss Eddie D | Cryderman | 1 | 1 |
| Kings Van | Paquette | 5 | 5 |
| Atta Girl Volo | Alguire | 7 | 7 |
| Colonel Bob C | LaVene | 6 | 4 |
| My Sensation | LeBeau (E) | 8 | 8 |

(Time 2:25 2/5 2:27)

| 2:22 Class | | | |
|--------------|------------------------|---|---|
| Dreamalong | Miss Huntress | 1 | 1 |
| Beechwood | Guy Whalen & Cryderman | 5 | 4 |
| Cy Hanover | McLear | 4 | 3 |
| Cardinal Flo | LeBeau (E) | 3 | 5 |
| McKlyo C | Hull | 2 | 2 |

(Time 2:24 1/ 2:22 3/5)

| Free-For-All | | | |
|-----------------|---------------|---|---|
| Irish Mick | McLear | 1 | 1 |
| Patsie Chief | Miss Huntress | 2 | 3 |
| Trinka Regent | Barker | 3 | 2 |
| Mel K. Edgewood | Hull | 4 | 4 |

*(Time 2:18 2:20)

*both good times for this time of year.

The final event of the Sesqui sports program was an All-Star softball game between the northern and southern divisions of the Rural softball league. The south emerged victorious, 10 to 5, in a twilight contest, Monday evening.

Judging the Contests

This was the afternoon, too, when results were announced for several of the week's contests.

George Boulet's store window display of early American furniture won the first place award in the historical class in the window display contest conducted during Sesqui-centennial week. Second place in the same class went to the Gouverneur Grange and third place to the Gouverneur Morris chapter, D. A. R.

The extensive display of mining equipment exhibited by the Gouverneur Luncheon club in the First National Bank won first in the industrial division, with the Registered Nurses' window, second, and the Civil Air Patrol window, tied for third with the Business Womens club.

The Gouverneur Lodge No. 217 F. & A. M. won the mention in a special fraternal group.

Judging for the prizes was on a basis of 60 per cent credit for historical value and 40 per cent on presentation.

Judges were Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Cook and the Rev. Myron E. VanOrnum of Theresa and Miss Helena C. Johnston of Gouverneur.

Honorable mention was given to the many organizational displays which made the windows of the Gouverneur stores the center of attention throughout the week.

Sisters of the Switch

Mrs. Ruth Mullen of Route 1, Gouverneur and Mrs. Patrick McCartha were given citations for appearing in the oldest costumes for the judging Monday afternoon. Awards for the most original costumes went to Mrs. Clayton

Kerr, Mrs. Bernard O'Leary and Mrs. Kermit Johnson. The oldest bonnet was worn by Mrs. Ruth Mullen and the oldest shawl by Miss Elizabeth Young.

The Brothers of the Brush whisker-growing contest inaugurated by the Gouverneur Luncheon club had produced probably the most prolific growth of masculine facial foliage in all of Gouverneur's history, and on Monday the judges attempted to select the winners.

Among their decisions: Bernard O'Leary, a contestant who should never shave again; Vernon Mullen, Joe Huntley, Stanley Smith and Nelson Winters, contestants who should never have started a beard in the first place; Lincoln Cathers, Pat McCartha, tied for handsomest beard; J. Elliot Wood, Earl Meade, tied for Grand Champion; John King, longest beard; Donald Denton, contestant who should never shave again; Mack Helvie, handsomest mustache; Bob Boscoe, handsomest beard.

The Fireworks

Blazing fountains, screaming bombs, dazzling sky rockets and flaming Roman candles of the gigantic fireworks display Monday night were a fitting climax for a week of breath-taking events. Children, who had never seen fireworks before, and their older friends and relatives, who have missed these exhibitions in the last years, were thrilled to see Niagara Falls in lights.

Early in the evening the fairgrounds parking lot was filled, and by nine o'clock over five thousands persons crowded the grounds and the grandstand enjoying the music of the Gouverneur High Band. Before the performance the youngsters had the opportunity to take one more ride on the popular merry-go-round, Ferris wheel and swings.

The display ended the observance of Gouverneur's one hundred fiftieth anniversary—fittingly—in a blaze of glory.

The grandstands were filled almost to capacity—except for the last two or three rows at the top, where it was difficult to see the higher fireworks on account of the roof—and the fairgrounds themselves were a sea of people and parked cars.

Streets and roads leading to the fairgrounds and the northeast section of the village were lined

with cars parked on both sides even out beyond the corporation limits, and police reported that cars were parked along village streets even as distant as East Main, and out on the Richville road.

Again on Monday the firemen, the state police and the county sheriff's office joined forces with Gouverneur police under Chief Steward Ritchie in another highly efficient demonstration of traffic control. When the fireworks show was over, the fairgrounds were emptied quickly and efficiently, and normal traffic conditions were restored without accident within the village in a surprisingly short period of time.

The success of this police safety work pointed again to Chief Ritchie's careful planning and competent execution.

How It All Began

Thus was concluded one of the most ambitious events staged during all of Gouverneur's long and colorful history. It had all begun months earlier, in January, with the appointment of a special Mayor's Committee by Mayor Jess L. Skinner.

This group was instructed to investigate the possibility of a sesqui-centennial celebration, and if in its judgement it seemed wise to proceed further, to provide the executive direction and management for the observance.

The group included: Max Levinson, Paul Winters, Miss Blanche Hodgkin, Julius R. Bartlett, Mrs. Joseph F. McAllaster, Mason Rossiter Smith and Mrs. Sterling T. Tait.

Meeting within a few days after appointment the group elected Mr. Smith as chairman, and Mrs. Tait as secretary. Upon unanimous agreement that the project was feasible, they voted to go ahead with plans without delay.

Joseph F. McAllaster was appointed treasurer, Nelson B. Winters assistant chairman, and Miss Grace Corbin as co-chairman with Mr. Bartlett on the historical committee.

With these people added to the official roster of the executive committee, the following sub-committee chairmen were appointed:

Alumni, Miss Blanche Hodgkin; Athletics, Gordon Murphy; Boy Scouts, Townsend Carpenter; Ses-

qui-centennial History Book, Mrs. Joseph F. McAllaster, Nelson Winters, Max Levinson; Churches, Rev. Richard K. Janke, Msgr. James T. Lyng; Concessions, J. Barnard Howland; Costumes, Mrs. Ray Fosgate; Decorations, Jack Ruderman; Distinguished Guests, Nelson B. Winters; Margaret Storie, Mrs. E. MacMillan to assist Mrs. Tait.

Girl Scouts, Mrs. Marion Hopper; Handicrafts, Miss Ruth Easton; History, J. R. Bartlett and Miss Grace Corbin; Junior Historians, Mrs. Worth Coates, Mr. James Hart; Housing, Joe Canali; Industry, Marshall G. Jones; Luncheons, Dinners, Mrs. Hazel Hudson; Merchants, Paul Winters; Music, Charles Stahl;

Parade, William Sullivan and Herbert Bartholomew; Permanent Memorial, Village Planning Commission including W. H. Foster, chairman; Max Levinson, Glenn Miller, Leland Parker, Robert Foster, Nelson Winters, James Kraker and Charles Ruderman; Photography, Harold Conway; Public Relations, Robert C. Foster; Schools, Merton VanSant; Service Clubs, Max Levinson, Traffic Coordination, Steward Ritchie;

and Women's Clubs and organizations, Mrs. Joseph F. McAllaster.

Meeting at first only once a month during the early stages, the executive committee and the chairmen gradually stepped up the pace of their operations to twice-a-week meetings in March and April, and finally once-a-week in May.

All meetings were well attended, sometimes by as many as 40 persons. It was estimated that including the executive committee and the sub-committees at least 500 people were directly involved in preparing for the sesqui-centennial.

Financing

At the outset consideration was given to bringing in some competent outside agency to stage the entire celebration; but after several meetings and lengthy discussion, it was decided to operate the celebration as a strictly local affair.

An attempt was made at once to enlist the cooperation of every organization in the community—and attempt which actually proved so successful that as plans began to coalesce and the deadline approached, the executive com-

mittee noted a sudden lack of available manpower—every organization had some kind of project and could accept no more.

Specifically, various organizations were encouraged to operate concessions, stage plays and fashion shows, conduct whisker and costume contests, etc., with the understanding that proceeds would be shared with the sesqui-centennial.

A previous balance of \$231.62 had been left over from Gouverneur's observance of the St. Lawrence county sesqui-centennial in 1952, and both the village and town boards agreed to budget \$500 each for celebration expenses.

And when the celebration was concluded, the committee discovered that it had made a "profit" of \$2,100 which was to be expended for some sort of memorial to Gouverneur's first 150 years.

The community joined wholeheartedly in the planning and in the program—in one of the finest demonstrations of civic pride and community cooperation Gouverneur has ever seen, the principal reason, indeed, that this 150th birthday proved so successful throughout.



AS GOUVERNEUR CELEBRATED ITS SESQUI-CENTENNIAL ANNIVERSARY, one of the highlights was presentation of "Our Town" sponsored by the Gouverneur Rotary club on May 26. Proceeds from the play went to the Rotary Girl Scout Fund and the Sesqui-centennial fund. Shown at rehearsal are H. Townsend Carpenter, George Cotter, Mrs. LeRoy Brown, Philip H. Nelson, Mrs. Sanders Heller, Mrs. Merritt W. Updyke, Mr. Heller and Miss Alita Hunter.