

1807 - HERKIMER SESQUI-CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION - 1957

SESQUICENTENNIAL WEEK- - - - - CHRONICLE OF EVENTS

Sunday, Aug. 25, 1957

2:00 Pilgrimage to Herkimer Homestead
2:30 Adirondack District A. A. U. Swimming Championship, Memorial Pool

Monday, Aug. 26, Empire State Day

9:00 Official opening of Antique Window displays
11:00 to 5:00 , Registration of homecomers and oldtimers at Historical Building.
Noon Opening of Sesquicentennial at corner of Main and Park Ave.
12:30 Band Concert
2:30 Mayor Donald Mitchell welcomes County and State Officials.
6:30 Parade, Attorney-General Louis J. Kefkowitz, guest.
9:00 Sesquicentennial Ball with crowning of Sesquicentennial Queen by Attorney General at the Palmer House.

Tuesday, Aug. 27, Youth Day

11 to 5 Registration of homecomers and oldtimers at Hospitality Center, Historical building.
10:30 Pet Parade (with Crazy Car) Main St.
Noon Freckle and pigtail contest, corner of Main St. and Park Ave.
1:30 Field Day at Harmon Field
2:00 Golden Bucks Auction
6:00 Little League Baseball game
7:00 Jr. Kangaroo Court, Park Ave. and Main St.
7:15 Preliminary Entertainment, Harmon Field
8:00 Official opening of spectacle, DRAMA 'LONG THE MOHAWK, Harmon Field
9:30 Sadie Hawkins Dance
9:45 Fireworks Display, Harmon Field

Wednesday, Aug. 28, Fraternity and Unity Day

11 to 5 Registration of homecomers and old timers at Hospitality Center.
Noon Interclub meeting of Kiwanis, Rotary and Lions Clubs, Palmer House
4:00 to 8:00 - Tea, Washburn Memorial
Open house at Fraternal Organizations
7:15 Preliminary Entertainment, Harmon Field
8:00 Second Performance of Spectacle, Harmon Field
9:45 Fireworks Display at Harmon Field

Thursday, Aug. 29, Agriculture and Industry Day

11 - 5 Registration of homecomers and oldtimers at Historical Building
All day Exhibit of old and new farm machinery at Harmon Field
Open House at Herkimer's Industries
5:30 Chicken Barbeque and oldtimers' program at Harmon Field
Valley Mayors' Milking Contest - Barbershop Quartet to sing
7:15 Barber Shoppers sing as prelude to spectacle
8:00 Third performance of spectacle, Harmon Field
9:45 Fireworks Display at Harmon Field

Friday, Aug. 30., Veterans Day

- 11 to 5 Registration of homecomers and oldtimers at Historical Building
Open house at all Veterans Posts
- All Day Exhibit of National Buard and Army Equipment
- 6:30 Memorial Service at Veterans Memorial Pool
- 7:15 K. of C. Glee Club to sing at prelude to spectacle, Harmon Field
- 8:00 Fourth performance of spectacle, Harmon Field
- 9:45 Fireworks display, Harmon Field, and Block Dance

Saturday, August 31, Hi Neighbor Day

- 11 to 5 Registration of homecomers and oldtimers at Historical Building
- 10:30 Beard judging contest, Main and Park Ave., longest, neatest, fullest, General Grant type, best pioneer beard, reddest full beard, whitest full beard, best Abe Lincoln type.
- 1:00 Beard Judging Contest, Main and Park Ave., Best VanDyke, best mutton chops with mustache, best sideburns without mustache, best goatee, most comical beard.
- 2:30 Largest parade in the history of Herkimer
- 7:15 Beard shaving contest at Harmon Field
- 8:00 Fifth performance of spectacle, Harmon Field
- 9:45 Fireworks at Harmon Field

Sunday, September 1, Festival of Faith Day

- Morning Religious Services marking the Sesquicentennial in all churches in the Village.
- 3:00 Outdoor Solemn Benediction, Harmon Field
- 4:00 Vesper Service at Historic Fort Herkimer Church
- 7:15 Preliminary entertainment, Harmon Field
- 8:00 Sixth performance of spectacle, Harmon Field
- 9:45 Fireworks Display, Harmon Field

Monday, September 2, Labor Day

- 11 to 5 Registration of homecomers and oldtimers at Historical Building
Labor Day Speaker
- 2:30 Labor Day Parade and Speaker at Harmon Field
- 7:15 Entertainment
- 8:00 Final Performance of spectacle
- 9:45 Fireworks Display at Harmon Field

ALL WEEK EVENTS

DRAMA "LONG THE MOHAWK" - spectacular 90-minute performance at Harmon Field
Open house at Standard Furniture Company and Library Bureau Division of Sperry Rand Inc. daily from 11 to 3. Guided tours of plants.
Exhibit of old and new farm machinery at Harmon Field, Monday through Thursday.
Historical Building, Main and Court Street is Hospitality Headquarters for the week.
Open 11 to 5 daily. Registration of oldtimers and homecomers daily at Historical Building.