

## OLD HOME DAYS REPORT

The 1986 "Old Home Days" weekend was combined with the 225th Birthday Celebration of the Town of Canaan and was very successful. We would like to thank everyone that participated and gave their time to make the weekend a pleasant and successful event.

Friday, August 1st the Policemen's Lobster/Chicken BBQ dinner on the Common opened the festivities. Followed by the Firemen's Auction. On Saturday, August 2, the Crafts Fair and Food Concessions opened at 9:00 A. M. on the Common and at Williams Field. The theme of the parade was "Children's Stories" and there were many interesting floats entered. The parade was led by the Norwich-Hanover Band. Three hours of entertainment at Williams Field followed the parade with a concert by the Norwich-Hanover Band, the Foggy Mountain Cloggers, Clogging Demo, the Mt. Cardigan Square Dance Demo and the Cardigan Mt. Traditional concert. At noon, the birthday cake for Canaan's 225th Birthday was cut and served to all in attendance. The "Flower Show" at the Legion Hall was opened all day, as was the Historic District on Canaan Street, the Old Meeting House - North Church and Museum Building.

There were games for the children and horseshoe pitching at Williams Field. There was also a Rug Hooking demonstration and exhibit at the Old Meeting House. Other events on Saturday were Soap Box Derby on High Street, Fast Squad Lottery Drawing and the Ronald MacDonald Magic Show. At 8:30 P. M. through 12:30 A. M. dancing under the tent with the Rocky Road Band was enjoyed.

Sunday August 3, Morning Church Services and at 1:30 P. M. Raft Races at Canaan Street Lake. At 8:00 P. M. the Old North Church Committee held a Slide Program at the Old Meeting House on the History of Canaan Street. This was well attended and a very pleasant closing for the Old Home Days weekend.

Due to lack of interest and participation in "Pumpkin Day" the committee has decided that it will not hold Pumpkin Day, but will reevaluate the situation for 1988. In November we held a Thanksgiving Dinner Basket raffle.

Funds for the Old Home Days of \$2,323.87 were raised by donations, sale of T-Shirts, sponsorship of the program, a public dinner in the Spring and town funding. Expenses totaled \$2,187.19 for Old Home Days.

The committee holds meetings from February thru December on the first Tuesday of each month to plan the Old Home Days Celebration and activities. Dates for 1987 are July 31st, August 1st and 2nd.

We are always open to suggestions to make the Old Home Days interesting to everyone in the community. If you have any ideas, please let us know.

Respectfully submitted,

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