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MUSEUM

Our summer hours
are 10 to 2
Wednesday and
Saturday. July and
August. Opening
day is July 1

FLAG RAISING AT NORTHVILLE

1917

**Pretty Little Northern Village
Did Herself Proud at Splen-
did Patriotic Rally on
Saturday Afternoon.**

Who would think that the little village of Northville could make a city of Gloversville's size appear small? Such was the case, however, Saturday, when the pretty little village seventeen miles north of here gave evidence of its patriotism with a well organized parade and a rousing demonstration connected with a public flag raising. The parade would have been a credit to any place many times larger and in reviewing it one could not refrain for wondering why it had never occurred to the patriotic minds in Gloversville to promote and successfully put through a large parade, airing the city's patriotism and giving an opportunity to those unafraid to display it a chance to show their friends in just which direction their sentiments lie.

The parade, headed by the Northville drum corps, started from the High school building and took nearly a half hour to pass a given point. Four horsemen, with Elmer E. Cole as marshal, among them, led the procession. Followed by the Northville troupe of Scouts in uniform and carrying a large flag. One of the most pleasing features of the entire parade were the Camp Fire Girls, regaled as Indian maidens on a tribal day, with beaded headbands, necklaces and bracelets, their hair down their backs in characteristic Indian fashion and carrying a monster flag fifteen by twenty-six feet and requiring twenty of the young women to carry it.

The volunteer fire department of the town was represented by ten members, who pulled after them the hose and fire apparatus and clanged the fire bell every few steps. The G. A. R. was represented by a number of members who rode in a motor next to the head of the procession. All the school children marched, every one of them with a flag in hand, and nearly thirty automobiles followed after. Civic officials and pastors of the village's various churches and many representative men of Gloversville and the vicinity were there.

Rev. H. Colebrook, the "Patriotic Parson" of the Baptist Church in Gloversville was the principal speaker of the afternoon. After the parade had wended it's course from Main Street to Reed Street, across Reed to First to Bridge Street and from there to the village square and assembled in the little plot in the center of which was erected a strikingly [*This part was missing from the scrapbook article. Found it elsewhere but the article was too blurry to copy*] (next page)

ingly tall flagpole, which reached seventy-six feet into the upper regions, the speakers were introduced by former Village President E. G. Palmer.

Rev. Colebrook addressed the throng and wrought it to a high pitch of patriotism by his usual forceful delivery. "The people of Northville have made a profound impression on me," remarked the patriotic pastor, "and right here let me say that you have put it all over some nearby cities." (Applause and laughs from the crowd.) "What is patriotism if you can't display it? You people have a right to all credit that the parade could give you, for you are patriotic in a sincere and good sense.

"I'll bet you haven't any fellows in your little village who stand on the street corner and gab about the war and say, 'Oh, well, I don't know as there'll be any war. If there is, I'll go.' When there is any war! Great Scott what do you call the present situation of the United States of America? Is it in war or not in war? If not, then what do you say to the sinking of a submarine by the crew of the Mongolia at the range of a thousand yards? What do you say to that, eh? Is it war or is it not?"

"You know there are persons everywhere who have to be given a good kick to wake them up. Lots of them! If you hit 'em with a brickbat and yelled, 'Wake up!' they'd say, 'Well, are the skeeters out so early?'"

Mr. Palmer delivered a few remarks and Rev. A. S. Lowrie, pastor of the Baptist church also spoke in a patriotic vein.

A large flag, presented by Rev. G. K. Frasier, in the name of Mrs. Herbert Carpenter, and accepted by Village President J. E. Bowman, was raised on the tall pole and the singing of "America" and "The Star Spangled Banner" concluded the ceremonies.

One notable feature of the day was the manner in which Northville residents have come to the front. Those that did not have an American flag flying from their homes could be counted on the fingers.

Flag Day is a celebration of the adoption of the American flag by Continental Congress in the First Flag Resolution of June 14, 1777. Although the 200-year anniversary of this date was celebrated by flying flags on public buildings and holding remembrances in several cities, Flag Day wasn't officially recognized until President Harry Truman signed it into law in 1949.



Campfire Girls that marched in the parade



Elmer Cole playing the bass drum. After Mr. Britten (NCS Instrumental band and teacher left), Mr. Cole substituted as the band director at NCS.

streets and then clustered about the village square for the ceremonies.

Newest Museum Display

Emma Dunlop had a working relationship with some Indians who made leather souvenirs and other leather items. These are some of the items that she sold at the Sacandaga Store and Photography Studio. These are displayed in the NNHS



Joseph and Emma Dunlop

Joseph Dunlop was a well-known photographer. His photos were often made into postcards. Probably most of the postcards of the Sacandaga Park and surrounding area were the pictures that he photographed.

The picture on the right is of their store and studio located on the mid-way of the Sacandaga Amusement park. They often redecorated the store front, for effect and interest.

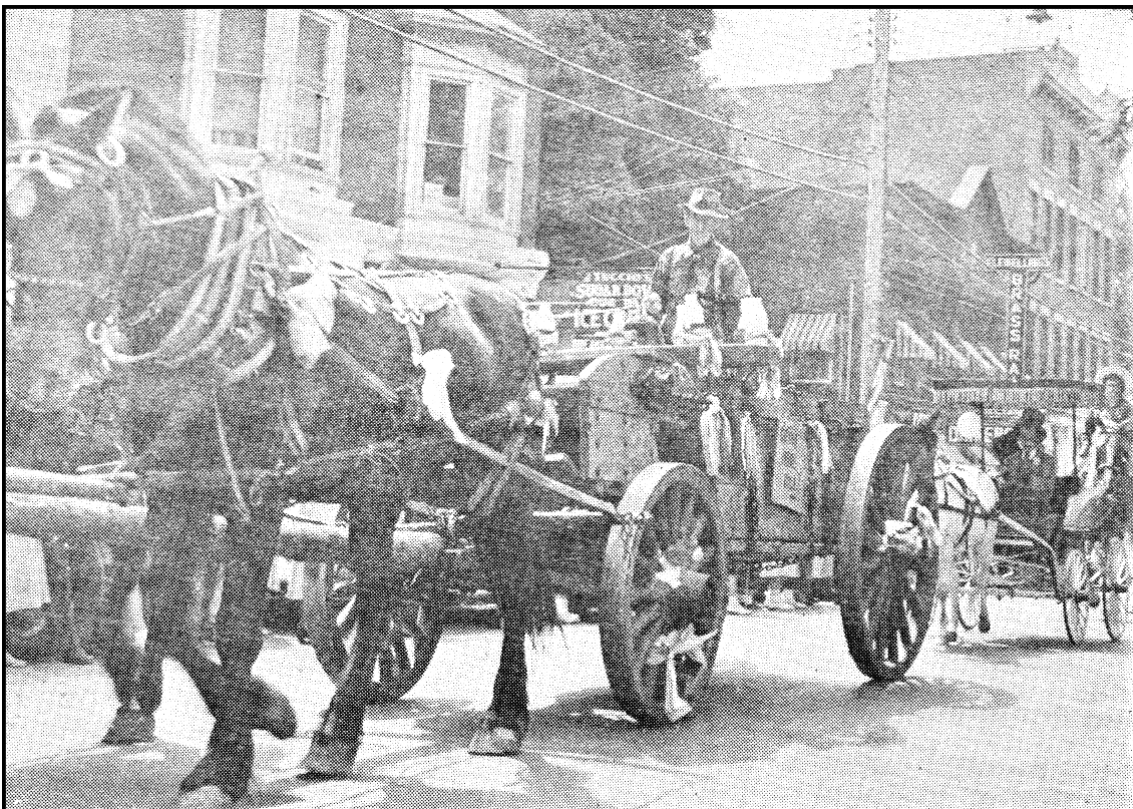
The postcard display to the left was used in the Dunlop store. It has been donated by Michael, Matthew, Kathleen, and Kelly (Colhen) Waters, children of Nancy (Smith) Waters, granddaughter of Joseph and Emma Dunlop



THE DUNLOP STORE/PHOTOGRAPHY STUDIO
Sacandaga Park
Emma and Joseph's daughter, Mabel, is in the carriage
with her husband, Platt Smith.



Local Northville men getting ready for the Memorial Day Parade.
Ed Palmer, Ivory Lawton, George Fryer and others.



Oscar Horton in the 4th of July Parade (1954)