

INDEPENDENCE DAY:

Ballston Spa To Celebrate



Robert Benson of the Ballston Spa Fire Department is shown admiring the Challenge Trophy which is among some 40 trophies to be awarded at the Fairgrounds during the First Annual Independence Day celebration today. The trophy will be awarded to the company which excels in all categories during the parade.

First Annual Firemen's Program Lists Parade, Tourney, Fireworks

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BALLSTON SPA, July 3—To enliven the area and community in trying to stress national patriotic enthusiasm, the Ballston Spa Fire Department in a joint venture with the Union Fire Co. No. 2 and Eagle Matt Lee Co. No. 1 is inaugurating the First Annual Independence Day Celebration tomorrow.

Highlighting the event will be the awarding of the first Ballston Spa Challenge Trophy to the best unit in the parade.

PARADE AT 10:30

The trophy must be returned next year to be won again before the unit can claim complete possession. The tentative program includes a street parade beginning at 10:30 A. M. forming on South St. to the Fairgrounds.

A fireman's tournament at 1:30 will include hose laying, bucket brigade, basketball and booster contest.

The hose laying contest is for men only, the booster tank contest for women only, the bucket contest and the basketball equipment efficiency contest for men and women.

Children's games at 7 will

include a sack race, tug of war, three-legged race, peanut race, egg roll race, bicycle race, running race, rope skipping and pie eating contest.

OTHER EVENTS

Events after the children's games are track rabbit racing, greased pigs, greased pole and watermelon race.

A band concert at 8 will be followed by variety acts on stage including a demonstration by the Amsterdam Archery Club, Al Dubois singing, an accordion band, the Sherwood class on the trapeze, Barbara Quinn and partner, tap dancing, a comedy act and community singing.

A gigantic display of fireworks will conclude the program at 10. Admission for the events is free.

GUILDERLAND-NEW SCOTLAND:

3 Election Districts Formed by Overflow

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The creation of three additional election districts has been announced by the Town of Guilderland. Districts 12, 13 and 14 will be formed by splicing Districts 1, 7, 8 and 9.

Supervisor John E. King said the districts are in the area between the Albany City line and State Farm Rd. He said the population growth in the districts necessitated the creation of new districts.

Until the division there were 953 registered voters in District 1, 1,207 in District 7, 965 in 8 and 1,234 in 9.

Mrs. Evelyn Zweig, a Grade 6 teacher at Westmere Elementary School, and her daughter, Avra, will spend this summer in Israel. Mrs. Zweig who will resume her Hebrew name, Hagar, plans to teach English and arts and crafts.

Mrs. Zweig first visited Israel in 1951 on a student workshop grant from New York University and in 1953 returned for a two-year stay.

Heiderberg Reformed Church will hold a vacation bible

school Thursday at 7:30 P. M. A reception will follow. Mrs. Paul Krandenok heads the reception committee, assisted by Mrs. Alta York, Mrs. Mae Sholtz, Mrs. Richard Jenner and Mrs. Charles Lincoln.

Marine Pfc. Walter E. Maunton, son of Mr. and Mrs. Edward E. Maunton of Route 1, Voo rhesville, assisted in the training of Midshipmen from the Naval Academy last month at the Naval Amphibious Base, Little Creek, Va.

During the indoctrination he took part in two "invasions" demonstrating amphibious tactics and techniques.



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Church St. Parking Lot Work Slated

SARATOGA SPRINGS, July 3—The city will have at least part of its recently purchased Church Street parking lot in operation soon, according to action taken by the City Council at a recent meeting.

Approval was given by the council to proceed immediately with work on the rear section of the property. An entrance to the rear section of the lot will be located on Church Street.

A driveway that vehicles traveling to the Ashton coal pocket had used in the past will be used. Mayor James E. Benton's suggestion that the rear be graded and crushed stone be placed on the surface was given unanimous endorsement by the council. The rear section will be open to motorists with no parking fee this year, he said.

Restaurant, Grill to Open In Saratoga

SARATOGA SPRINGS, July 3—The official opening of Jerry's Restaurant and Grill, Lake Avenue, under new management will be held Tuesday when a buffet luncheon will be served from 6 P. M. to 3 A. M.

Pete Hurley purchased the restaurant and assumed operation recently. He was in business with Reginald Cole for six years as Reg and Pete's Gas Station on South Broadway.

He is active in several organizations, being a member of the Fourth Degree, Knights of Columbus, a past commander of Adirondack Post, American Legion, and served for several years as drum major of the Saratoga Drum Corps.

Movie Actor Is Catching Up

HOLLYWOOD (UPI) — In his last three pictures, "Blind Date," "Jet Storm," and "Yesterday's Enemy," actor Stanley Baker has had a chance to act as much as hold a girl's hand. Now he's making up for it.

In his present film, Associated British Hammer Film's "Hell is a City," he has three lovely—Maxine Audley, Billie Whitelaw and Vanda Godsell—lined up for his attention.

MAINTAINS 24-HOUR ALERT:

Area Radar Squadron on the Job

Automation Eases Task of Defense

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SARATOGA SPRINGS, July 3—Keeping pace with the shifting military tactics demanded by the missile age, the 656th Radar Squadron, located at Ketchum Corners about eight miles south of this city, is currently playing a supporting role in "NORAD."

That's the quick name for the vast air defense system covering North America, wherein Canada and the United States cooperate to place military forces at the disposal of a single joint commander. The nerve center and hub of this system is in Colorado Springs from where the battle for North America would be monitored. Commander-in-Chief is U. S. Air Force General Laurence S. Kuter, former head of the Pacific Air Forces. Responsible for air defense in his absence is Air Marshal C. Roy Siemon of the Royal Canadian Air Force.

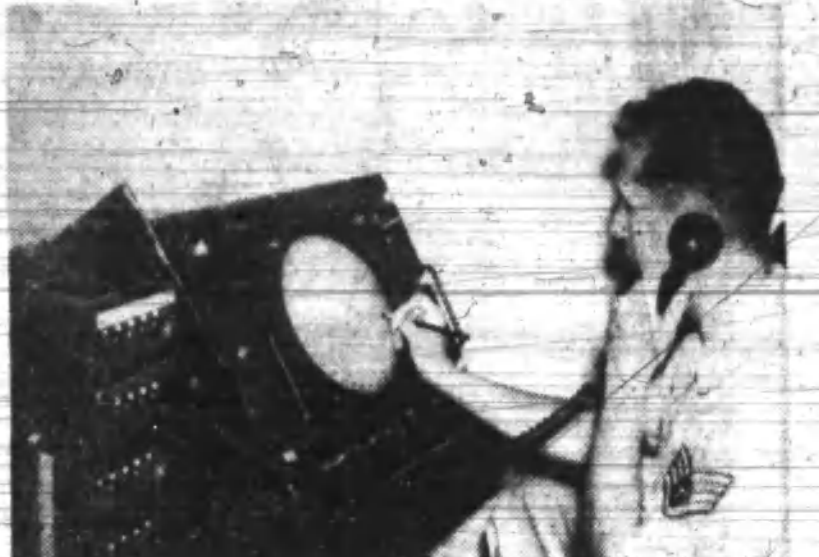
The local squadron is on 24-hour alert duty to scan the skies in this huge job of protecting the independence of the country and safeguarding it from surprise attack.

SAGE SYSTEM

Triggered for action at the first warning of an impending attack, NORAD's basic



Major Charles A. Meyer, commanding officer of the 656th Air ofrce Radar Squadron located in Saratoga County, looks over continental defense chart showing effective ranges of nation's defense "eyes."



Staff Sgt. Roy Cunningham is radar operator at Saratoga County radar facility. With scope he can ascertain speed, altitude and direction of aircraft and instantaneously pass such information along to SAGE centers for interpretation, evaluation and, if the aircraft are of enemy origin, retaliatory action.

problem is to have its far-flung force ready to react instantly. Today the local squadron operates under the electronic data-processing system, known as Semi-Automatic Ground Environment (SAGE) in obtaining positional data on flying objects and transmitting the information to a combat center for interpretation and possible action.

The speed of modern aircraft and missiles necessitated the transition from manual operation to that of automation. Major Charles A. Meyer, local commanding officer, stated, "As a result," the commander explained, "our unit requires approximately one-third of the staff originally assigned yet, today, our airmen and officers on base are able to do a more efficient job. The quality of personnel is important as the air defense is a bigger job than ever. Higher education is required for all airmen. The standard man is out as each one must be able to carry his own load of responsibility."

NORAD, Major Meyer added, is the single agency responsible for air defense of the entire continent. It is the first two-country, all-weather type military command ever

to operate within the boundaries of our continent during peacetime. It covers the area from the polar caps to the Mexican border and East and West far beyond the edges of the continent.

The speed of jet bombers has cut the time available for the defense to carry out its function of detection, identification, interception and destruction to a narrow margin and an intercontinental ballistic missile would reduce this margin. To lengthen the interval between the first enemy detection, Canada and the U. S. have constructed warning lines as far away from the target as possible. The DEW line, distant early warning, composed of radar stations, runs across the northern rim of the continent. The Mid-Canada Line runs about 600 miles South of it and the Pinetree system of radars cuts across southern Canada. The Saratoga station is one of many in the radar network within the U. S. The radar system extends offshore through use of Navy picket ships and dragger planes. In addition, Navy blimps and Air Force platforms called "Texas Towers," protect the Atlantic side.

transmitter, in turn, converts the positional data given to it into data on the object's range and bearing. "The data is then transmitted to an IBM computer at a SAGE combat center. Once relayed into the computer, it is stored in the computer's memory system. A second signal is evaluated and also transmitted to the computer in a fraction of a second the whole process is completed and the needed aircraft and missiles are alerted for possible action."

Meyer, completing his first year at the local base this month, came from an assignment in Germany. Two of his ten years of service in Europe were in active combat and four as a member of the occupation force. With his wife Lucienne, whom he met in Belgium in 1945 and married two years later, he is residing at 56 Monroe St. here. Favorably impressed with the city and the four seasons this area offers, Meyer is seriously considering making the Spa his home base upon retirement for which he will be eligible next year. However, he expects to continue in service a few more years.

He is a member of the local Rotary Club and the Chapter of the American Red Cross. He and his men find that Saratoga Springs has all the attributes that make for wholesome living: good climate, a low delinquency rate, excellent schools and recreational facilities and above all, extra friendly folks.

HOW IT WORKS

"When our radar station obtains positional data on a flying object," the Commanding Officer disclosed, "it passes this information on to a coordinate transmitter. The

COLONIE VFW PUSHING MEMORIAL PARK PROJECT

By ED MANOGUE
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The Robert E. Weininger Post, VFW, is trying its hardest to create a Veterans Memorial Park in Colonie, and the veterans hope to get three things this year to get the project started—funds, fill and a cannon.

The post will start selling 32-by 54-inch fifty-star American Flags Wednesday to raise funds toward the project. The post owns about two acres just north of the post home on Karpner Rd. which it plans to develop into the park, but several loads of fill are needed to level the site.

While the veterans are moving slowly on the project due to lack of funds, they are thinking of the future. So they are already looking for a cannon to be placed near a flagpole in the park. "I guess there just aren't many of them around," Commander William

R. Parr explained, "but we hope to locate one soon."

Last year, the post sold ironing board covers and other merchandise items to raise \$275.

They hope to raise more this year selling flags, their only fund raising project of the year. Mrs. Earl Jackson, president of the auxiliary, and Parr are chairmen of the sale which will be daily from 10 A. M. to 8 P. M. at the post. Post and auxiliary members will meet Thursday at 8 P. M. to further plans for the sale.

Taxpayers Elect In North Colonie

Edward J. Monfried, 6 Cortland Dr., Loudonville, has been elected president of the North Colonie Taxpayers Association. Others elected include Mrs. Walter Sawyer, vice-president; Mrs. Mary Monfried, secretary, and Alvin Pohl, treasurer.

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