PELHAM, N. H.

Annual Gala Day Program
Held with Baby Show, Parade
and Ball Game.


Again Pelham has played host to a large number of people who visited the old home town for Gala day. The features of the afternoon included races of various kinds, a baby show, a doll carriage parade, the annual feature parade, and a ball game between the boys of Pelham and Hudson.

The lunch tent was opened at 11 o’clock and attracted the major part of the crowd until foot races called them to another section of the grounds. The 30-yard dash was won by Donald Burton, with Billy Atwood a close second. Then came the 45-yard dash, in which Elmer “Sonny” Raymond, with Donald Burton right on his heels, led the way to the tape. Buster McCallum won the bicycle race easily. The bag races, which were run in two divisions, one for the smaller boys and one for the larger, afforded the crowd a great deal of amusement. The winners were Elmer Lundgren and Freddie Garland. Newton Garland proved to be the speediest of the small boys in their foot race.

The babies in the show were divided into four age groups. Joan Currier was judged the best of those under six months; Judith Ann Vining was best in the second age group; Frank Melanson and Mona Burrows took prizes in the third group, and James Gray and Janet Hirsh received prizes in the fourth. The special prize for the best baby in the show went to Jane Harris. Patricia Hirsh received a prize for being the youngest in the show.

Fourteen children took part in a colorful and cleverly arranged doll carriage parade. First prize for the best carriage and child went to Harriet Hobbs, who was dressed as the Little Colonel. Second prize was awarded to Delores Bedard, whose carriage was decorated to represent a coach carrying quintuplets. The most original was that of Helen Durán, who was dressed as a hula dancer. The best character in the parade was that of Bo Peep, impersonated by Muriel Richardson. All the children in the parade received gifts for participating. Honorable mention was given little William Melanson with his miniature Gage’s ice truck.

As usual, the feature parade of the afternoon drew the plaudits of the crowd. Prizes were awarded to a jitney cab, with Harriet Hobbs as passenger and Verne Hillman furnishing the motive power, as most original walking feature; the quintuplets, with Gertrude Currier, Edie Hardy, Ruth Richardson, Flayas Atwood and Mary Koehler acting natural and George Frank Currier as Dr. Davenport; best float, Vitanh C., a truck featuring foods that help to bring health, with Carla, Ruth, and Dotty Koehler, and Claire Morris; most original float, Mickey Mouse, a car driven by Bill Brown with Byron Brown and Danny and Editha Carlston as passengers; best decorated car, Troup 25, Pelham Boy Scouts, first prize for walking feature and the Girl Scouts from Camp Rupel received second prize; a special prize went to the Parent-Teachers’ truck.