Pelham

Old Home Day

a Huge Success

PELHAM, N. H., Aug. 13—Old home day in Pelham, on Wednesday, Aug. 8 was certainly successful both from a standpoint of financial returns, and good fellowship. The bit of rain in the afternoon sent a few visitors away but by early evening, the attendance was far more than anticipated.

This old home day was dedicated to Mr. and Mrs. Harry H. Atwood, Sr., former owners of the general store located in Pelham Center. For many years Mr. Atwood was very active in business and town affairs. Mrs. Atwood, being known as “Grammy Atwood” to all, is a tiny home-loving person, quiet and always interested in the affairs of her widespread family. The Atwoods had 15 children, 10 now living, 30 grandchildren, 26 now living, and have 11 great-grandchildren. Both are close to the hearts of the residents of town.

The parsonage lawn was arrayed with colorful canvas topped booths, and all were ready by noon with a wonderful variation of things to be viewed and sold. The White elephant booth with Mrs. Eunice Williams, Mrs. Pearl Gage and Mrs. Ella Koehler in charge overflowed with good values. Mr. and Mrs. Theodore Janocha, with the help of their son Edward and friend Tommy, Russell Harris and Harold Mooney were responsible for the tonic sales. The kitchen booth was managed by Mrs. Louise Hayes and Mrs. Bertha Jacobsen. The cooked foods case was in charge of Mrs. Gertrude Garland, Mrs. Marion Gagne and Miss Blanche Hillman.

The grab booth, which is always popular with the children, was busy all day, with Mrs. Jane Place and her daughter Beverly in charge. The children’s booth, with its stuffed animals and lovely home-made articles for youngsters proved that much work and planning had been done by Mrs. Lilian Edwards, and Mrs. Geneva Hill.

Food is always foremost in the minds of the visitors, and the food tent was one of the busiest spots on the lawn. The tent was a YIS project and Alton Hodgman, Herbert Currier, Randall Richardson and Mrs. Ruth Richardson were on these fees all day. Supper was served in the Fellowship room of the church, with Mrs. Alma Stiles and Mrs. Chester Spaulding in charge. The doll, donated to the children’s table, was awarded to Mrs. Florence Cross of Salem, N. H.

The entertainment consisted of games for the children, with Mrs. Rhoda Garland in charge in the afternoon, and the children’s parade. The games were won by the following children: Egg-carrying race, Benjamin Garland and Jeffrey Law; marshmallow-eating contest, Carla Schenksky and Elizabeth Roberts; Balloon breaking contest, Jeffrey Law and Peter Williams; bubble blowing contest, Carla Hobbs; bag races, Freddie Farrar, Cheryl Malbure, Carole Harmon, Gail Beecey, Jane Burton, Therese Gagne, Louis Desatauls and Frank Garland; three-legged race, Linda and Louise Fairbanks.

The children who won prizes in the children’s parade were: Glenn Parker, Beverly Melanson, Pamela Melanson, Laurie West, Bonnie Beal, George Spaulding, Victor Spaulding and Chester Spaulding, Claudia Taylor and Stephen Taylor, Donna Williams, Kevin Hanlon, Richard Hanlon, Graham Balcom, Lester Horrock and Susan Mendes.

A ball game was enjoyed between the Pelham Girl Scouts and the Girl Scouts from Camp Runoia, with a final score of 24 to 3 in favor of the Pelham girls. Each year the Girl Scouts from Camp Runoia attend the Old Home Day celebration and have truly become a part of the day’s activities. Thanks to Earl Leonard, who transported the girls to and from camp.

The evening’s program was in charge of Mrs. Catherine Harmon, Mrs. Ray Shebeurne and Miss Hilda Koehler.

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William T. Hayes & Karen Genoter
The women's guild, under the supervision of Mrs. Caroline Law, had an interesting neck-tie display, and also featured copper jewelry.

The Congregational Pilgrim Fellowship had a varied booth this year, with Ewart Balcom as chairman for the group. They displayed grace napkins, personalized stationary, hand painted coasters, brass name plates and sold the souvenir plates of the church. The butterfly quilt committee, Mrs. Lillian Wood, Miss Frances Hobbs, and Miss Mary Hobbs, was busy selling chances all day, and were happy to present this quilt to Mrs. John Roden of Lisbon, N. H., as she held the lucky ticket.

The games, which interested the younger folks for the entire duration of the affair were under the direction of Philip Curry and Donald Burton, Jr.

The apron table, always of interest because of the ingenuity of the sewers from the Ladies Aid, was in charge of Mrs. Kathleen Atwood and Mrs. Florence Polsie.

A revue of models wearing many interesting and beautiful gowns, which dated from 200 years old up to the 1920 era was presented. Miss Patricia Edwards was pianist and Mrs. Jane Place was commentator. Models were Miss Patricia Edwards, Miss Barbara Koehler, Mrs. Jane Place, Miss Susan Foss, Miss Carole Mansfield, Miss Beverly Place, Miss Shirley McCullum, Miss Annabelle Page, Mr. and Mrs. Frederick Garland, Mr. and Mrs. Neil Balcom, Mrs. Catherine Harmon, Mrs. Frances Carleton and Miss Judith Fairbanks.

The Pelham Girl Scouts entertained the crowd with camp songs, under the direction of Mrs. Shirley Wales and Mrs. Flora Lemire, and were joined by the girls from Camp Runels. Since this is Pelham's first year in Girl Scouting, it was enjoyable to hear the songs the girls had learned at Camp Kiwanis, which most of them attended earlier in the summer.

A special word of thanks is extended to Mrs. Bernice Bigelow, who is directly responsible for the Lowell Symphony Orchestra presenting its program of good listening music for all to enjoy. The concert was relaxing as well as entertaining.