



Not Exactly News

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We always thought that a good rain cleans the air. Like the rain these past four or five days which completely wiped out any plans for many on Memorial Day weekend. The prevalent notion that a good rain will clear the air however has very little truth in it. Rain has only a slight effect on air pollution and certainly will not purify the air. That uplift that you feel after a rain is actually caused by the exiting of the low pressure and the entrance of high pressure. You feel refreshed and somehow, the world looks a little cleaner and brighter. Rain makes things grow as you know, when you mow your lawn this week. Rain makes poison ivy grow as well. Not everyone is sensitive to poison ivy, only about half the population is sensitive. There was an old Indian remedy which is to be avoided at all costs. It was to eat the leaves of the offending plant. Many products are claimed to provide immunity to poison ivy, but are essentially worthless. Their value lies in inducing greater awareness and therefore caution. It is the oils in the plants which cause the rash. The oils cause blisters but neither the rash nor the blisters are contagious or infectious. It does no good to scrub with soap & water unless it is done within a few hours of exposure. If you scrub after that, you make matters only worse. Water from the rains just won't wash away everything, yet it is uncontaminated and is drinkable. Water is valuable to the welder who welds a hole in a gasoline tank. An empty gasoline tank is far more dangerous than a full one because gasoline burns only when mixed with air. Should a spark ignite the vapors inside an empty

tank, a nice explosion would result. That is why welders introduced water, to expel the vapors. A full gasoline tank is hard to maintain these days, largely due to the price which at one station in Perry is 92.9 for unleaded. This week, more price increases in the cost of gasoline were announced, which will give merchants of shoes a toe hold in the business world. In the sports world Mike Serventi long distance runner from Perry, has already calculated that he can get about 100 miles out of a pair of sneakers. He buys several pairs a year. The trend toward footwear looks promising. The day will come when shoemakers will offer dry and wet pavement footwear, much like the rubber tire makers offer race drivers. You will need something to grip the sidewalks as you walk. And on rainy days like we've had this past week, the non-slip kind will give you security. If you think that the air feels a little cleaner after a rain, whenever your gasoline tank reads empty on a rainy day, why not try walking in the rain. It can do nothing more than make your spirits soar afterwards, regardless of the pressure during your walk.

OBSERVANCE

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march was a large fleet of gaily decorated bicycles, directed by Mark Saunders. A horseback rider and a clown also participated.

Robert Bly, vice-commander of the local Legion Post who also was Parade Marshall, said that all bicycle riders in the parade will receive cash prizes.

Arthur Parmiter, a former Mayor of Perry, welcomed those attending the ceremonies on the beautifully kept grounds of the Veterans Memorial Club.

It was a solemn moment as Memorial Wreaths were placed by representatives of Veterans' organizations at the Cenotaph.

Remembered especially were veterans of World War I, Floyd Vickers, Dan Corwin, Francis MacDonald, Gustav Hoepfl, Robert Graham, Clifford Morrison and Walter Odymala and their fallen comrades.

Charles Poteat, 7th District Commander, V.F.W., of Batavia spoke briefly

Others taking part included the Rev. Matthew F. Rennie of the Perry Baptist Church, who offered the Invocation and the Rev. Florian Jasinski of St. Stanislaus Roman Catholic Church here, who asked the Benediction.

Members of the Perry Volunteer Fire Department held Memorial Services at the North Main St. Hope Cemetery Cenotaph before joining the line of march.

Merle Cowie flew his red, white and blue plane over the parade.

CONVENTION

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second.

Perry was first with most men in line in the county category.

Most men in line out of county was East Aurora with Caledonia second.

Company coming the longest distance was won by East Aurora.

Best appearing Ladies Auxiliary, first Bennington and second, Warsaw.

Best appearing antique equipment, hand drawn, was captured by LeRoy.

Best appearing antique equipment, motorized, Wyoming.

Best appearing emergency vehicle, Perry was first, Mt Morris, second.

Alexander Firemen's Band won first prize and Silver Springs won second.

The Perry Center Department is grateful to Erwood Kelly who furnished the carnival grounds and to Mike Kelly whose hay field was used for parking and water drill competition. The James Wright family together with the VanValkenburgs and Cowies, spearheaded the chicken barbeque which ran for three days.

TWO INJURED

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of the house at the time of the accident, and was taken by private auto to Noyes Memorial Hospital in Dansville for treatment of an injured knee.

Ambulances and fire departments of Retsof and York were dispatched to the scene.

Investigating at the scene with Sheriff Kane were Deputy Sheriffs Jeffery McDonald, Dennis Cichello and Robert Ellison, Sgt. Norbert Buckley and Livingston County Fire Coordinator David Harter.

Investigation of the accident is continuing.

CRUSADE

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June 15. When a collector comes to your door, please welcome him or her. His purpose is two fold - first to give you information about cancer and then to ask for a donation to help fight this common enemy. The Cancer Society

for Wyoming County is located at 60 N. Main Street in Warsaw and offers aid to people with cancer as well as offering educational programs to Schools and Organizations. Through special Quit smoking clinics, they have helped numerous people in the county to stop smoking. Many of those have been from the Perry area.

As well as homes, all businesses and industries will be contacted, during this time.

DRAMATICS CLUB AWARDS

Nine school students who have participated in Dramatics Club all four years of high school received a plaque at the May 22nd meeting. Awards went to Kelly Brennan, Jay Chapin, Jane Dumary, Mark Gibson, John Kirkgasser, Sue LaVerdi, Tom Parker, Robert Rookey, and Terry Tarbell. Continued participation point count is accumulated each year in order to be eligible for this award.

Four seniors received recognition of a pin, charm or tie tac for two to three years of participation. They are: Robert Biondolillo, Anne Kreutter, Margaret Lawton, and Tim Veazey. Recognition also was given to non seniors, Kim Bell, Sue Chapin, JoAnn Coller, Shelle Tucker, Maureen Crowley, Kelly Herman and Beth Cali.

Officers elected for next year are President, Kelly Herman, Vice President, Kim Bell, Secretary, Sue Chapin and Treasurer, Maureen Crowley.

50TH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

A family dinner was held on May 27, to observe the 50th Wedding Anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Clark Sowerby of 32 S. Center St., Perry.

Clark Sowerby and Miss Virginia Cheney, both of Perry were wed May 29, 1929 at the Castile Baptist Church Parsonage in Castile with the Rev. William Blankley officiating.

Attendants were the bride's sister, Mary Elizabeth, now Mrs. Harold Dewolf of Rochester and Chester Sowerby of Perry, brother of the bridegroom.

Both were present at the Golden Anniversary celebration on Sunday.

Also attending were Mr. and Mrs. Lyle Drake of Hermitage, Mr. and Mrs. M.J. Schrader and son Brian of Willoughby, Ohio.

Mrs. Drake and Mrs. Schrader are sisters of Mrs. Sowerby.

Mr. and Mrs. Drake also feted the honored couple with a party held at their Hermitage home on Saturday.

The community wishes Mr. and Mrs. Sowerby many more happy years.