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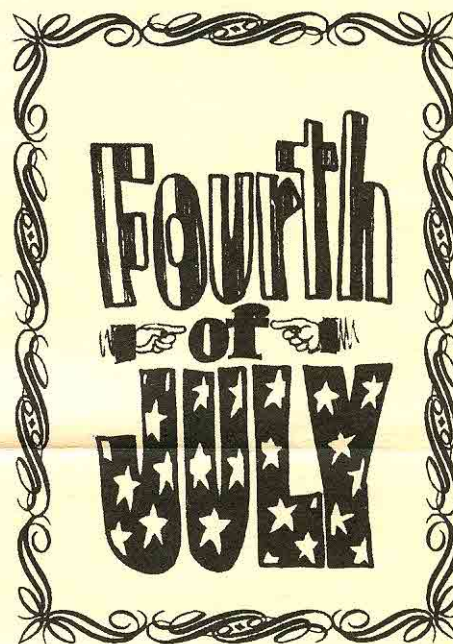
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JULY 4, 1874 - ST. JOHNS

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Procession will form at the head of Clinton Avenue at 10 o'clock a.m. and march through the principal streets to the speaker's stand in the following order: St. Johns Cornet Band; President, Chaplain, Orator, and Reader; Vice Presidents; Presidents and Boards of Trustees of the villages of St. Johns and Ovid; St. Johns Sir Knights; Ladies and gentlemen representing the states and territories; Citizens in carriages and on foot.

Amusements: At 1 o'clock a greasy pig race will take place for a purse of \$5, which will be followed by sack race, wheelbarrow race, and climbing a greasy pole backwards with a loaf of bread under

each arm. *Callithumpians will appear in full dress parade under immediate command of Maj. Gen. Charles Squinbuntrue headed by the Tickleville Trombone Cornet Band, who at great expense and muscle, practicing out of reach of the officers of the law, have prepared themselves for this occasion.

The brigade consists of 150 reliable men of Home Guards of the late war, Apache Indians, members of the Credit Mobilier, Cuban Insurgents, and other animals too numerous to mention.

The day will close by the grandest display of fireworks ever shown in Clinton County, displayed in the Court House yard so that every one can have a good view. ***Come one, Come all,*** and have a good old-fashioned time.

There will be a ball at Newton Hall on the evening of the third; bill \$1.50, including refreshments. National salute and ringing of bells at sunrise.

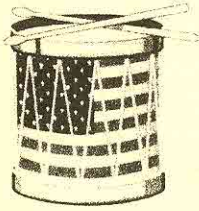
*callithump A boisterous parade with blowing of tin horns and other discordant noises. (*Webster's New International Dictionary*, 2nd Edition, 1937)

Fourth of July Parties

Let it be remembered by those who wish to attend a dancing party tomorrow (Friday) evening, July 3, that they can do so by going to:

Newton Hall, St. Johns
Samuel Reed's, Maple Rapids
F. Coleman's, Greenbush
H. Lee's, Fair Ground
Barne's Hall, Fowler Station or
Half Way House in Olive

The proprietors of the above mentioned places are all making extensive arrangements for a big time. The price of tickets range from \$1.50 to \$2.50 per couple. (*The Clinton Independent*, 2 July 1874)



The **fourth day of July, 1874**, was honored by the people of Clinton Co. in a truly patriotic manner, and after a style that will be remembered by the participants for many

years to come. The day was ushered in by the booming of cannons and screeches and moans of the "cow-horn band." About 7 o'clock wagons filled with people commenced coming in from every direction and at eleven, our streets were well filled with their smiling faces. The Cornet Band in their new and attractive uniforms led the way followed by a four-horse team drawing the Goddess of Liberty and thirty-seven young ladies representing the states.

Following these was a two-horse wagon conveying eleven young ladies representing the territories. Indian Territory was the most attractive. then came a load of boys with red caps decked with flags, blue pants, and white shorts, who also represented the states. The parade marched up Clinton Avenue to State Street, thence to Oakland Street, down Oakland to Higham, down Higham to Clinton Ave., to the speakers stand in front of the Court House. At 4 o'clock the "Callithumpians" made their appearance to the delight of the people. The Tickleville Cornet Band led off followed by a company of bell ringers, representing the Peak family. Owing to some misunderstanding the greased pig and pole exercise was omitted. The day was comparatively pleasant and not a row was had on that day to mar the peace and pleasure of the many.

July 4, 1874 - Maple Rapids

We are credibly informed that the Fourth was observed at Maple Rapids. From an early hour Friday morning until an late hour Saturday night people were coming and going. The dancing party given by our friend Reed on Friday evening was attended by about 113 couples, and the party was conducted throughout after the same peaceable and pleasant manner which has characterized the parties given by Mr. Reed from the first. Mr. Reed has made some fine and noticeable improvements in and about his place within the last six months.

General celebration on Saturday was a grand success which only verifies the statement that the people of the Rapids do all things well. The horse racing came off as advertised and was witnessed by a large number of people. The prizes in the first race were awarded as follows: 1st Membrino Maid, **O.W. Robinson**; 2nd Flora Temple, **W.L. Herman**; 3rd April Fool, S. Reed; 4th Dutch Girl, **B. Creasinger**. The second race, open to all horses owned in the township and never entered in this race before, was contested for by horses owned by **J.W. Whitacre** (name unknown), Billy by **S. Reed**; and Michigan Boy by **E.M. Smith**. The Whitacre horse took the first prize, but in our hurry we failed to note how the balance stood. (*The Clinton Independent*, 9 July 1874)



