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THE BICENTENNIAL COLORS go on the Hordville water tower as part of the community wide project for their Bicentennial Days scheduled for June. Hordville is one of several Hamilton County communities setting events for the Nation's 200th birthday. — News-Register Photo



THE BICENTENNIAL FLAG flies over Hordville during town's celebration Saturday. A large crowd attended the two festivities that were climaxed by a Sunday picnic. News-Register Photo

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MERLIN GUILFORD ACCEPTS the Hordville Bicentennial Flag from co-chairmen Carla Fowier and Marla Ortegren at the presentation Saturday during Hordville's Bicentennial Celebration. Don Searcy of the Nebraska Bicentennial Commission brought the flag to the community. -

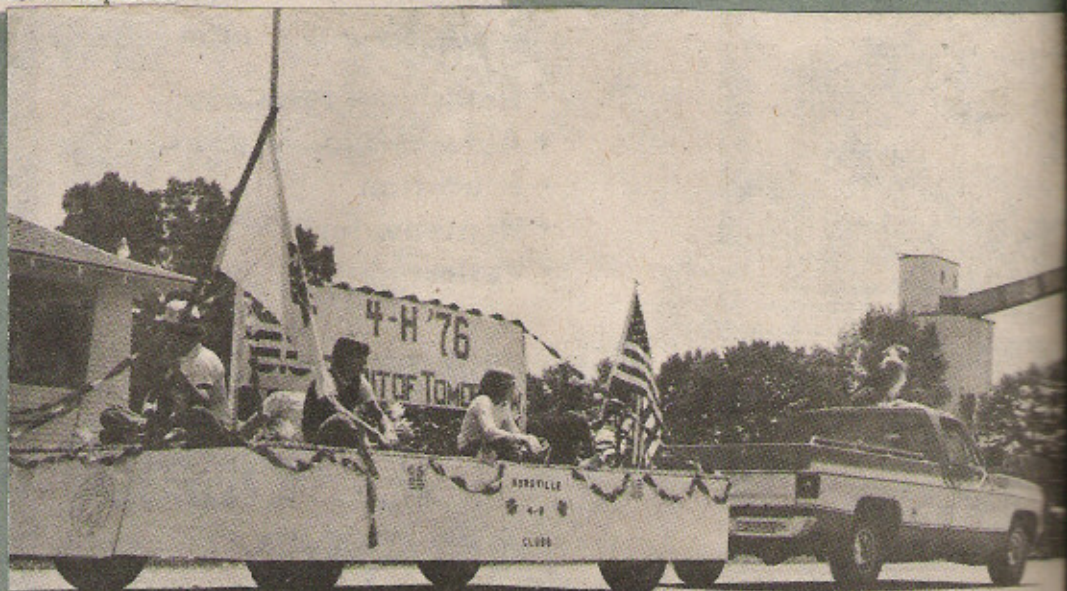


FINDING A FAVORITE spot to ride was this pooch during the Hordville Bicentennial parade. The dog maintained his position throughout the entire parade route. - News-Register Photo

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HOME SERVICE CLUB, one of the area's oldest displayed some of the Bicentennial dress of the early days as they passed down the street during the Hordville parade.



HORDVILLE AREA 4-H clubs combined for one of the many floats appearing in the Hordville Bicentennial Parade. - News-Register Photo



HORDVILLE BICENTENNIAL DAYS was a chance for renewing acquaintances and a day for visiting prior to the parade. - News-Register Photo



BOBBIN' FOR RINGS brought delight to many youngsters during Hordville Bicentennial Days. The display was just one of many concession stands at the event. - News-Register Photo



THIS DUO DEPICTED early settlers coming to or through the Hordville Area. The twosome were part of a parade that included over 55 entries. - News-Register Photo

Hordville Celebration Attracts Large Crowds

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Miss Joyce Kramer
Paul Clayton

Couple Plan October Wedding

Planning an October 2 wedding are Miss Joyce Kramer and Paul Clayton. Parents of the couple are Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Kramer of Aurora and Mrs. Kenneth Clayton of Hordville.

The bride is a graduate of Aurora High School and presently employed with Ag-Land Equip., Inc. in Central City.

Her fiancé is a graduate of Hordville High school and is self-employed in carpentry in the Central City area.

Site Of Stark (1882-1906) Marked By Sign On Lennart Johnson Farm East Of Hordville

Mrs. Marie Clayton attended a bridal shower Friday evening at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Roger Kingston of Aurora with Dorothy Kingston as hostess. The occasion honored Joyce Kramer. On Saturday evening Mrs. Clayton attended a bridal shower at the First National Bank Community Room in Aurora where Miss Kramer was again honored. Mrs. Grace Cooper of Lincoln and Mrs. Merna Yoder of Aurora were hostesses. Miss Kramer and Paul Clayton will be married on October 2nd at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Aurora.

Lennart Johnson has mounted a sign on his farm marking the location of the original town of Stark which was in existence from 1882 until 1906, when Hordville was started.

by MARIE CLAYTON

The fates beamed kindly on the Hordville community. After seemingly endless days of wind, the sun dawned not too hot and the breeze was gentle (for a Nebraska breeze!) on this much looked-forward-to weekend of June 19 and 20. The days of the Bicentennial observance had at last arrived. There had been scads of committee meetings, the Town Hall had been painted and paneled, the grass had been mowed and re-mowed and everything was shipshape.

The festivities started with a parade at 12:30. The Color Guard, under the direction of Merlin Guilford, and made up of Dwayne Hahn, Paul Clayton, Darold Ortegren, and Don Bowers. Jerry Larson, led the colorful procession of fifty-five entries down Main Street. A variety of floats followed. All passed the critical eyes of judges Dean Johnson, Les Solt and Susan Brockevelt. The winners were announced with Kevin Guilford placing second in the small floats and the Senior Citizens first. Co-op Oil placed first in the large floats with Immanuel Lutheran church second. Paul and Dave Blase and Rob Clayton received the prize for the most original float. Dale Quick and Delane Chader

won the blue ribbon in other categories and the DeMers, Ortegrens, and Rogers won first with their birthday cake float. E. N. Parsons and Richard Veburg were parade chairmen.

Headquarters of Central City judged the whisker contest. Placing first, second and third in them mustache division were Steve Gustafson, Floyd Johnson and Harold Ortegren. In the Abe Lincoln beard it was Howard Bush first, followed by Dick Anderson, and Neil Bankson. Roy Ortegren took the blue ribbon in the full beard followed by Elton Flodman and Delane Chader. Bob Kisler won first in the goatee and mustache division with Merlin Guilford and Orville Garrett coming in second and third. Rick King won the Van Dyke section followed by Kelvin Schulze, and Randy Hawthorne. The overall champion was Delane Chader with Jerry Larson's beard declared the ugliest. Merlin Guilford, Merlyn Fowler, and Carrol Ortegren were in charge of the whisker contest.

Don Searcy of the Nebr. Bicentennial Committee presented the local bicentennial chairpeople, Marla Ortegren and Carla Fowler with the official Bicentennial flag and certificate. Other committee members were Gladys Anderson, Carol Ann Ortegren, Ruth Larson, Joyce Riekenberg, Verna Erickson and Marie Clayton read the town history. Dick Anderson was master of ceremonies.

Kangaroo Court was held with the judge the Honorable LeRoy Nelson and the prosecuting attorney Dean Johnson.

Tug of War contests, dunking tank, and a variety of other games and contests followed. Dwayne Hahn had charge of the tug of war contest and it was a popular affair. Don Lampshire was in charge of the greased pig contest. Ron Johnson and Marwin Rogers presided over the cow-chip throwing contest. Brian Timmons won first place in this contest in the kids' division, Marla Fowler for the women, and Marx Holtorf for the men. Many teams competed in the water fights in the evening under the direction of Gerald Larson and Denny

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C. R. Johnson of Central City won the front quarter of beef in the raffle with Abe Lulow of Aurora winning the hind quarter. Mrs. Ervin Blase won the afghan.

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600 people partook of the free evening meal served at the school under the supervision of Mrs. Gerald Larson and Roger Gustafson.

At dusk free old, old movies were shown under the direction of Carrol Ortegren. A large crowd attended.

A small carnival provided several types of rides. Booths around town were under the supervision of Mr. and Mrs. Harold Blase.

Sunday activities were under the direction of the Elton Flodmans, Loyal Neckers, and Wayne Persons. A large crowd worshipped in the town park and were inspired by the music and testimony of the Joy Express of Rockmount College, Denver. Two of the members were Myla Guilford and Larry Lavelle. A family style picnic dinner was held in the park followed by the making of ice cream. In the afternoon there was horseshoe pitching under the guidance of Delane Chader.

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Stark, Nebraska Is Remembered

Lennart Johnson (right) and Leroy Nelson (left) and the sign placed at the site of Stark on the southeast corner of the Jo farm as a bicentennial project. Roy also had the model of Stark trading Post and Post Office in Hordville's Bicentennial Celebration. The keg in front is labeled GUN POWDER because, says that is the way it was sold, in the bulk.

Stark was located approximately half-way between Polk and Hordville, along the present Highway 66. The trading center's usefulness ended with the founding of Polk and Hordville in 1906. A. J. Ham, whom many still remember, was the last proprietor of Stark's General Store. He moved to Polk and lived in the house now owned by Mrs. Earl Flodman. The store building was moved to Hordville. Jerrier and his blacksmith business moved to Polk.

