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AN EDITORIAL . . .

Welcome Back

The largest annual Labor Day celebration in the country was not held this year. This is the big union celebration held in Labor City, Detroit, Michigan.

Reasons give for not holding the event this year were lack of attendance and cooperation by the public, indifference and conflicting activities by individual union members.

This was not the case of the Labor Day Celebration in Petersburg, sponsored by the U.M.W. of A., A.F. of L. and the C.I.O. Probably the largest crowd ever to attend the annual event converged on Petersburg, Labor Day. In fact, the number attending was estimated to be two to three times the size crowd expected.

The celebration is held every year in one of four cities: Petersburg, Oakland City, Princeton and Boonville. Supposedly, the celebration is to be held once every four years in each one of the above places.

In regards to the celebration this year, we received a copy of a letter last week written to Melvin Williams, president of the Labor Day Celebration committee, by a member of the Fort Branch Band Boosters Association. It was specified the letter was not for publication.

The letter began by stating the writer "wished to complain loud and long over activities at the celebration in Petersburg this year," and went on to state, "Petersburg was the poorest possible place the celebration could have been held," as well as "the traffic problem was the worst we have ever seen."

Most of the letter was in regard to how the bands in parade were treated and insulted in front of the Judges' stand at Hornady Park. This part we cannot attest to as we were not present at the site of the Judges stand.

However, we feel we must take issue with the statement regarding Petersburg is the poorest site for the celebration. Actually, this is probably the best place of the four cities, with one corrected measure. And this is being looked into by the city council now.

As for the traffic jam, this in our opinion, was the fault of one member of the union's celebration committee who insisted on hiring unemployed union members to park cars at Hornady park instead of the Civil Defense.

The purpose behind the plan was commendable, but these men do not have the experience, nor show the authority needed for this job. But to make matters worse the number of men provided to park cars at the park Labor Day could not have begun to handle the task even if the crowd had been what was expected. This was the reason for the traffic jam that resulted.

The real issue, however, is will the Labor Day Celebration continue each year or gradually fall by the wayside like other patriotic celebrations. The writer of the letter stated "the Fort Branch band would not attend the celebration if it is ever held in Petersburg again, or would not be allowed to put on their routines."

If this attitude persisted by everyone who has anything to do with the celebration, it will be dead in a matter of years. We realize everyone has feelings, and no one likes to be insulted, but in the planning and performing of an event, like this you cannot take the results of unfortunate happenings personally, or collectively.

Everyone who had anything to do with the planning and performance of the celebration worked hard to make it successful, including all the bands in the parades.

Still, like any other event, it had faults. But instead of complaints and threats of withdrawal, more cooperation and suggestions from everyone involved is what is needed to insure its continuity and success in future years.

Speaking for the people and officials of Petersburg, we will overlook, I'm sure, the remarks by the writer of the letter mentioned, and welcome the celebration back to Petersburg when our turn revolves again. We are also sure the residents and officials of Petersburg will again give the committee their whole-hearted cooperation and support to make it an even better celebration.



—Photo by Jerry Wright St

To Observe Golden Anniversary

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Kime of Union will quietly observe their Golden Wedding Anniversary September 19 with their immediate family.

Due to illness in the family, plans for open house have been cancelled.

The Kimes were married September 15, 1915, in the First Methodist Church at Princeton by the Rev. T. T. Freeland.

They have two daughters, Mrs. William (Olive) Smith of Indianapolis, and Mrs. Edna Witherspoon of Boonville, also three grand-children, Gary and Susan Shaw and Ronald Witherspoon.

Cannelton Bulldogs to Invade Indian Territory Friday Night

The Cannelton Bulldogs will invade Indian territory Friday night, September 17, to engage in battle with the P.H.S. tribe at Athletic Field.

By way of comparison, the Indians hold a slight edge as favorites due to their 24-24 tie last Friday night against North Posey. Cannelton dropped their game with the Posey county team, the only one they have played this season.

Last year the Indians eked out a 26-14 win over the Bulldogs at Cannelton.

The Indians showed definite improvement Friday night against the North Posey, even though they "boated" their own game. Coach Howard Briscoe remarked Monday, "We need to develop a little more consistency in our offense. We haven't been able to move each time we receive the ball with the same regularity. One time we rolled, and the next time we fumbled or lost the ball on penalties or interceptions. That is what we are working on week during practice."

D. R. Minnis, Steve Ficklin, Dick McClellan did the heavy lifting for the Indians against the Vikings. Minnis scored first with a 40-yard run; Ficklin carried the ball across for the second time with a 15-yard pass from Mike Pfarr and McClellan scored the TD of the first half on a 20-yard play from Joe Heilman.

Defensively, Bill Broshears had a standout for the Indians, hitting the Vikings hard all night. Dan Culbertson, who sat the game out with a twisted ankle, got into the defensive line for half the game and gave the Indians a big assist. His performance is expected to help the P.H.S. considerably this Friday night against Cannelton.

The Indians held a commanding 24-0 lead at the end of the first half in their game against the Vikings, but were held scoreless in the last half, and had to settle for the tie.

Lineups for the Indians and Cannelton are expected to be the same, which are as follows:

Offensive Line-up
 Bill Broshears, center; Charlie Beadles, left guard; Charlie right guard; David Adams, end; Dick McClellan, right end; Steve Ficklin, left half; David Southwood, right half; and Mike Pfarr, quarterback.

Defensive Line-up
 Dick McClellan and David arms, ends; Charlie Ault and Broshears, guards; D. R. Minnis and David Southwood, linebackers; Mike Pfarr, linebacker, and Joe Heilman, safety.



GARY W. BARRETT

Gary Barrett Receives Health Fellowship Award

Gary W. Barrett has been awarded a \$5100 National Institute of Health Fellowship for the 1965-66 academic year at the