

ITHACA NEWS

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Festival's Back at the Glen

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Watkins Glen—After an absence of eight years, the Summer Festival returned to St. Mary's Parish Center in Watkins Glen on Friday and Saturday evenings, June 11 and 12.

Ithaca Area Notes

Ithaca—Pastor of Immaculate Conception, Father John S. Maloney, was released from Tompkins County Hospital recently after suffering a mild heart attack. He will be convalescing for several more weeks.

Ithaca—Father Tom Kelly, son of Mrs. Walter Conley of Immaculate Conception Parish, was recently appointed as associate general secretary of the National Council of Catholic Bishops. He had been secretary to Archbishop Raimondi, Pope Paul's representative to the United States.

Father Lawrence Sansom, pastor, was elated over the success of the efforts of his people.

"They have worked diligently for months on the festival," he commented, "and now the entire parish is realizing the benefits. We don't have any special projects planned that will be financed from the proceeds. This money will just help us to pay the bills."

It seemed like a painless way to "pay the rent" as laughter and fun were the order of the evening for everyone. Toddlers watched wide-eyed as "Little Windy" endlessly puffed helium into their balloons. Fledgling major-leaguers determinedly hurled pitch after pitch in desperate attempts to knock down milk bottles. The young—and not so young—strained to apply the needed body english to make them winners in the "pan game."

And everybody ate—and ate. The food booth, under the direction of Edna Schultz and Monica Sharack, was serving up its specialties as fast as cooks could produce them. Pizzas prepared by Sylvia Conte and her assistants were a popular item.

On the outdoor "midway," men of the parish offered an assortment of treats that seemed to guarantee gastritis to the throngs that lustily consumed them—snow cones, popcorn, clams, cotton candy, and soft drinks.

Elsewhere women sold homemade handicrafts including baby clothes, afghans, aprons, and other assorted items for household use. More than 150 homemade cakes and pies also were taken home by fortunate fairgoers. The Sisters contributed by operating a booth for the sale of religious items.

Adding entertainment were concerts by the Squires, the drum and bugle corps composed of some 75 young men and women of Watkins Glen. Father Dillon and the people from St. Benedict's Chapel provided a "fish pond" that yielded a catch to every youngster who tossed in his line.

"This event was not the work of any single group," said Mary Lemak, co-chairman along with Lewis and Ted Specchio.

Special credit must go to some such as Raphael Specchio, Harry Suits, Mary Cook, Jean Scaptura, Virginia Dempsey, and Doris and Jean Fazzary, she added, but this is not to detract from the thanks owing to the many others who worked.



Rene and Tedi Banta receive their festive balloons.

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