

HISTORY OF FRANKLIN COMMUNITY HOSPITAL

and

Bronson Vicksburg Hospital

Original Hospital



Hospital Addition



Hospital Guild Ladies



Hospital Festival Parade/ Frontier Days



Parade Contestants



Gov. Kim Sigler Speaking at 1948 Parade on the Festival Grounds



Vicksburg Commercial **EXTRA**

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VICKSBURG, MICHIGAN

Saturday, July 24, 1948

Thousands View Frontier Parade Saturday

Commercial Prints This Extra On Route Of March

This Extra by the Commercial for the Frontier Days Festival is being printed on a small hand-fed, foot-power Union press that was built about the time of the Civil War. Owned and operated by Mason Bishop, the press was mounted on a wagon and formed part of the exhibit of this newspaper showing an old-fashioned print shop.

Mrs. Ann Wright is acting as paper boy, with Joe Griffith as compositor, and Helen Reisel as reporter. The old type and type cases date back to the founding of the paper in 1879. Thus, the hometown newspaper is established as the oldest continuous institution in the community, and exemplifies the principle of American democracy that has helped keep our people informed and by them is considered an essential of life as a dispenser of information and knowledge.

Local Whisker Champ To Receive Fine Prize Sat.

The lucky gentleman to be proclaimed winner of Vicksburg's Whisker Contest on the Frontier Days program at 8:30 Saturday evening, will receive a radio given by Weeks & Brumbaugh.

The winner will also be eligible to enter the Whisker Derby to be held at the Ionia Free Fair on August 11, where he will compete with the best beards of Marshall and Greenville, respectively. Judging the Ionia event will be men who have made a thorough study of whisker styles and quality, among them Gov. Kim Sigler and Congressman Paul Shafer.

The first prize on August 11 is fifty dollars, second prize fifteen dollars, and a consolation prize awaits the third best set of whiskers.

HONOR GUEST



GOV. KIM SIGLER

Gov. Sigler Leads Parade Without Atty. Black's Help

Governor Kim Sigler leads this parade as the honored guest of the Frontier Days celebration in Vicksburg, and without the doubtful aid of his Attorney General Eugene F. Black. Mr. Black is frying other fish today, in fact, he seems to be trying to fry everyone's fish.

Following this parade and the crowning of the queen the Governor will just have fun without any special duties, except to enjoy himself.

Village President, Len Hawken, will act as the official host for the Governor and other dignitaries on Saturday as well as handling the honors for the ceremony Friday when Victor Bucknell, the local candidate for Democratic nomination as governor, is acclaimed by his community.

Show To Follow For Many Hours At School Grounds

This parade winds thru the streets of Vicksburg as the feature event of the 4th annual Festival for the benefit of the local hospital, and to the thousands of people who are watching, the community extends its welcome.

Following this parade the show will continue all day and night at the school athletic field and will wind up with a Horse Show Sunday afternoon.

PARADE ROUTE

The parade will assemble under the direction of Rudy Maslank and will be formed in three or more sections each led by a band. Governor Sigler and his entourage will lead the parade followed by the VHS band. The second section will be led by the Queen and her court and a band. Six musical organizations are on the schedule.

The parade will form on North Kalamazoo Ave. and will start west on Prairie street at 1:00, travel to Main street, turn south to South street, west to Michigan, north to Prairie, east to Main, south to Park street and east to the school grounds where it will disband.

Thus, if people on Main street will stand still the whole parade will pass them twice.

After the parade the show will start at the field with Ferris Oswald in charge. The formal opening will be followed by the crowning of the Queen in which Gov. Sigler will take part. The Rodeo will open at 2:00 p. m. and the Medicine Show at 3:00 and 5:00 p. m. The Public Wedding will be at 6:30 followed by drawings, free acts, Eagles drill team and beard judging.

The entertainment in front of the grandstand will include quartets, radio stars, cowboy band, Peter McLean, the American Harry Lauder, of Battle Creek, and a quantity of other acts.

The two-day show for horsemen is expected to bring hundreds here as it will be the outstanding two-day event in Michigan this year. Sunday's show is a five-hour event and starts with a parade at 1:00 o'clock and a long list of events.

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Extra
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from Hand
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the Parade.

Mason Bishop Printing on Parade



Beard Growing Contest Contestants



Street Cleaning on Parade



Doris & Lee Weick – Veronica Hargot & unknown - 1947



Planning Committee with Geraldine Moore as chairperson



1947 Hospital Guild Planning Committee Members



Lucille
Mellus,
Helen
Hedges,
Vera
Penfield
and Mary
Daniels



Joann Green – Queen in 1947



1950's Queen & Court



On the Festival Grounds – Hey Dude



Kangaroo Court with Harry Hill in the Stocks



1968 or 1969 Parade



Festival Grounds in 1969



Dr.
Rasmussen
Loved to do
Magic
Shows



Queen for a Day Contest



Staff in the 1960s



June & Irv Morley with their 20 lb. twins made national news.



We Need a Bigger Hospital



Fund Raising



Hard at Work – Stan Lane and Clair Carvell

**YOUR PLEDGE
WILL BUILD YOUR
HOSPITAL HERE**

Franklin Community Hospital



The Planning Committee –

Sheldon Durham, Charlie Gardner, Gordon Daniels, Betsy Skippers, Lloyd Appell, Trayton Townsend, Deyo Beall, & Robert Nimmo.



We Need Lots of Money



Hospital Staff



Hospital Workers



The Many Blood Drives & Staff



Groundbreaking Ceremony



Under Construction



Volunteer Organizers





Franklin Community Hospital Red Cross Volunteers, Feb. 1970

Front Row: (left to right) Gloria Morris, Virginia Ritter, Mary Stenstrom, Marilyn Durham, Mary Rogers, Elsie Carr, Joyce Fink, Grace Appell, Maxine Oswald

Second Row: (left to right) Mary Scott, Dormah Woodhams, Betty Dibble, Helen Ratcliff, Celine Bishop, Donna Fogleson, Beverly Brakefield, Esther Pierce, Charlotte Jacobs, Louise Kellogg, Hazel Baldwin, Lavon Beall, Patricia McClelland, Doris Hayward

Third Row: (left to right) Rose Holtzer, Margaret Schneider, Elizabeth Decker, Lois Morris, Donna Lafler, Beverly Calvert, Janet Weinberg, Louise Bartlett, Ruth McCauley, Nancy Harper, Lorene Smith, June Hill, Betty Raggio, Marie Southworth

Helping to Raise Awareness of the Need for a New Hospital



Christmas Cake Donation from Otto Kaak's Bakery for the Staff



Dedication of the New Hospital with Congressman Gary Brown Present



Sheldon Durham, Grace Noble & Deyo Beall Cut the Ribbon



Moving Day



The New Laboratory



New Nursing Station



Fixing the Food & the Table



Everything Gets Moved



Russell Ferguson - the first baby
to be born in the new hospital.



New Emergency Room



