



In the Village of DeWitt, on Washington Street, we have a Memorial Building that was erected to honor all War Veterans and to provide opportunities for wholesome recreation, education, civic and other leisure time activities. The chief source of funds to equip and maintain this building is an OX ROAST, which is held one day each year, the latter part of August. This year the Ox Roast will be on August 27th. — Memorial Association.

WILL DEDICATE PLAQUE

## DeWitt to Pay Tribute To Dead of Two Wars

A heart-shaped plaque honoring seven DeWitt servicemen who died in World War II and the Korean war will be dedicated at the DeWitt Memorial building Wednesday at 8:30 p.m.

A new 50-star flag will also be presented for use at the building.

The Blue Star Mothers prepared the new plaque, which will replace a time-worn roll of honor. Mrs. Marion Ritter will present the plaque on behalf of the club, which worked with the DeWitt Veterans club in preparing it. Mrs. Hazel North will give the dedication.

The Veterans club will give the flag, with Charles Ruble, secretary-treasurer, presenting it.

Gaylord Ward, treasurer of the Memorial association, will accept the flag and Woodrow Armstrong, president of both the Veterans club and the Memorial association, will accept the plaque on behalf of both groups.

The servicemen to be honored include Vincent Paul Lerg, Lewis Phillips, Jr., Russell Ribby, Don Ingalls, Francis A. Richmond and Earl H. Benson, all of World War II, and Richard Pike of the Korean war.

October 16, 1945.

A group of ten people representing the various  
Christianities of the various  
sects in the village and  
friendly met at the school  
house : Tuesday evening Oct  
16 - for the purpose of  
discussing a village  
measuring the book which  
permitted one child shall  
be admitted. Mr. Givens  
who acted as temp. chair  
man -

Mr. Walker reported the  
beginnings of the idea as  
started at the Crook Club  
in 1944 - has carried  
it through a recreation room  
for a group of people. Mr. Walker  
spoke and favor of the project  
for the Blue Star Mothers  
organization. Mrs.



The committee will do the necessary work, Mr. Edwards reported for H. Clarke and Boy Mrs. Brewster will stand up for the corporation when we are ready.

Mr. Edwards drew plans on the board as far as he thought. Mrs. Blaggard thought the committee should now go to work to get the house renovated.

Mr. Currier thought the building should house recreation facilities and be steeper rather than the library.

Yard Carius thought ideas should be presented as to what recreational facilities were needed.

Mr. Greenwood thought a room should be provided for H. Clarke and Boy Scouts.

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The next meeting to be held as soon as possible will be arranged and ready for inspection & discussion as far as possible.

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to send horses on the  
Government. - with a  
large sum on the first  
flask for a dining room  
stage & kitchen etc.

The building of the building  
was anticipated to the school  
was mentioned. Mrs.  
Givinsold spoke of an oil  
burner as heating unit  
thought it would be a  
more salable story arrangement.

Mrs. Carrs was asked to  
read "Moral" to the  
committee to go  
ahead of the building  
etc. Blizzard = chairman  
George Blizzard.

Johns

Mr. Blizzard thought  
we should make the  
building large enough  
which building to  
sufficiently constructed  
etc. thought it would

have a set of difficulties  
before we start collecting  
money. Mrs. Carrs suggested  
Mrs. Givinsold approach a  
committee to go  
ahead of the building  
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Mr. Blizzard asked to be  
excused from the committee  
because of working hours.  
Mrs. Vincent etc.  
appointed on his place

Meeting was called to ordain by Bex. minutes read.

Various clubs were asked if the club were in favor of the project.

Civic Club in favor  
thus: "In a" "Parent-Teacher Board in

in favor - will be petition  
will be.

Finance - absent

Eastern Star - No answer

Blue Star Mothers - no meeting  
S. A. Community Church - favor

me - absent

R. 71 - In favor

Seaside Club & Inn favor  
F. A. M. - favorably in favor  
Village Council - favor  
building. Have a  
Community Hall

large enough for fair  
etc. not for picnics  
though. The Council will  
stand its share of the  
expenses.

The chairman thought  
we should all get out  
shoulders to the wheel  
and had the thing across.

You don't think people  
thought the same thing.

Mr. Rogers - suggested  
a 40 x 60 ft. size of the lots.  
80 ft. off road. Was the size

- at the council it was  
feared about a building

60 x 100 ft. would be about  
the right size.  
Mr. H. H. H. took  
of this idea - a meeting  
building - would adequate  
basement room for a

Mr. Woodward asked for his gift  
different organizations. A date of Nov. 6th  
had a delegate come from  
the Cape Breton and  
if they decided to  
thank you that when they plan  
for the coming session  
handing.

Mr. Green of the Royal  
Neckhong spoke in favor  
of the building and would  
like to see it. Mr. Morris asked  
in favor.

Mr. Colburn thought  
DeWitt should go now  
very fast unless he helped  
up the <sup>old</sup> <sup>new</sup> money  
in time. Mr. Kennedy  
of New York said he  
thought no good in  
the proposed

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December 6 the date  
of the next meeting at  
10 o'clock -

Meeting adjourned -

December 6, 1945  
Meeting called to  
order by Chickasaw  
Minister of Dog Meekley  
was read -

Board of Education  
reported that the  
Building Committee  
had sent and sent  
plane ready for  
approval.

Yes. A. L. R. Lee  
sent a letter to man in  
the Building - attached.

Conducting of the building  
with dimensions mentioned  
rate.

Big Island members the low  
bid rough planes on the  
Board to that the other  
members to meet and  
get organized on the

Y.	C.	Club	Rate	Rate
1111	1111			
1111	1111			

size and shape of the  
various rooms mentioned  
60 X 90.

Formal acceptance of the  
lot was discussed. Mr.  
Woodruff said it was only  
a tentative plan and couldn't  
be accepted until the plan  
was incorporated.

Mr. Mayde spoke about a  
new profit organization  
and the bank and  
members of a suggestion made  
at the board meeting and  
drew plans to indicate his  
suggestion.

Mr. Mayde suggested the  
lot to be figured on per  
the building - the straight  
thought that idea should  
be considered before we  
pick any partners.

The following thoughts  
on the idea that day -  
Mr. Mayde thought the  
money should be raised  
at a controlled effort over  
a moderate so long and  
Mrs. Person told right  
the original idea was  
about having money  
of each organization would  
help.

Mr. Mayde spoke about the  
loan of the city of Griffith building  
on the back of it. That of  
it was suggested and  
Mr. Hunter come over  
and explained the legal  
necessities for the project.

- The chairman spoke about  
accepting the lots from  
the Colquards.

Yours, W. A. Walker reported  
that we received the bill of  
the Rogers - the  
of the Rogers -  
by Leo Skarle - to be used.  
The chairman asked for  
other remarks by those  
present with about the ability  
to raise the money.  
Mr. W. A. Walker thought they  
could.

Mr. Ellwood says that  
Miss Rogers' report about  
clubs paying a fee for the  
use of their building  
and Ellwood also about  
signature of the building  
legally expense etc. of

Mon. Dec. 10 to observe  
the best aspect of the place  
at 8 o'clock.

After this lesson made a note in  
that G. should be aware  
of imminent being - motricities  
- It was suggested that  
we have more flexibility  
in the paper -  
Meeting adjourned.  
St Shacker, say,  
It was suggested that  
Mrs. Peterson be asked to

attend the meeting.  
Mr. V. A. Whelchel  
a member, to organize their  
Mr. Ellwood recommended  
Motors, Newark.  
Mr. Whelchel gave \$1000.  
Mr. Whelchel suggested  
the project be called the  
"Civic Center".  
This was after suggested  
a plaque be placed on  
the tubby to mark it.

Dec. 10, 1945

The Board of supervisors may  
want part of the \$4 Johnson project  
- Mrs. V. A. Walker asked  
what types should be taken.

Johns talked  
Somers & one in St. John  
which has had a more -  
Project organization since  
July -

1/2 - 1/2 in proportion to

a man stock basis.

\$11,500 - cash - less gains

lost grain

minimum one - 3 or more

Amount of cash not too important

Does require a filing fee

of 5 1/2 franchise fee 10 10

Annual report of \$2.00

It is understood -

9 directors

11 original incorporators

for St. John project

Date your articles  
may start anything

initial capital needed of at  
least \$1,500 or 100

at least 3 directors needed

Dear U.A. Wheler made a motion to organize this gathering. Mr. Ellwanger seconded the motion.

Motion carried.

Mr. Wheler gave \$1,000.00

Mr. Wheller suggested the project be called "Civic Center".

Mr. Wheller suggested the building be placed in the lobby to accommodate the community members.

It was suggested as a name, "The Friend about Name".

Mr. Wheller suggested that the original board of trustees be appointed.

Friends: I have followed very closely the progress of the project.

Mr. & Mrs. Rogers the Noble-trustees.

Letter received.

Dear Blizzards:

Mr. Birch Ellwanger will form the organization to elect their officers and directions. State your suggestion.

Mr. Ellwanger asked

about the possibility of running the building. Should it be rented etc.

Mr. Wheller thought the Board of Directors would help support the building.

May receive contributions and other funds.

We give the thanks of

resounding thanks.

These conditions may be  
delineated more closely than

Deberelle - Person not one but  
two - a man and a woman

Mr. Maliskey will  
meet with the building  
committee to

Mr. Bissell made a motion that we accept the proposal for a community

profound, gives a commanding  
center - demanded by  
Mr. Walker - Carter &

Plan of "Elemental  
Building" was suggested  
Nov. 17 the 1877

13 memorial Bldg.  
Revert Place 3 4

## 11 Memorial Center

in class.

## Memorials and

Mr. Blaikie suggested that we have 10 lectures in

Mr. Ward suggested  
a list

Mr. Griswold taught  
for me & gave out his lecture

He drove through the officers - three in. wife  
was a delicate person.

at Greenwood Garage  
at 7:30. station made  
Meeting adjourned

My walk in the day.

Article I known -  
See! The name of this  
organization shall be  
Memorial Association

The object of this association  
shall be to help to meet  
spiritual, material and  
spiritual needs of  
community building  
to honor and remember  
those provide opportunities  
in such building for  
charitable, educational  
civic and other services -  
true activities on a democratic  
community-wide basis  
and to fellowship -  
and reward who  
contribute toward the  
construction, equipment

of maintenance and  
operations of the required  
community building shall  
be an active member  
of this association.

Sec 2. all active members  
shall be qualified to  
nominate officers and  
members of the board  
of directors of this association  
to vote for their election  
at the annual meeting  
and to vote in the  
business of any other  
business that may be  
presented at such  
annual meeting.

Art 11. Board of Directors  
The management and  
admission of the

At vesting in a board  
of nine directors  $\frac{1}{3}$  of whom  
shall be elected for one  
year -  $\frac{1}{3}$  for 2 years -  $\frac{1}{3}$   
for term of 3 years - thereafter  
<sup>3</sup> members shall be elected  
annually by the members  
of the association.

Art 12. Officers  
and the officers shall  
be Pres. - Vice Pres. - Secy.  
Treas. and  
Warden of Finances.

See 11. The officers  
shall be such as their  
titles by general usage  
warrant indicate.

See 11. The officers  
shall furnish security bond  
in such amount  
as the board of directors

been necessary the  
cost to be paid by Ass.  
Art. V.  
the Board of Directors  
shall withdraw and  
before the powers and  
duties of all committees  
as in the pres. shall  
appoint see committees  
elected to committees  
by the Board of Directors  
Art. VI  
Meeting, <sup>as</sup>  
Sect. III there shall be  
an annual meeting  
of each year of  
as much time as pleased  
as directors shall determine  
Sect. Special meetings  
shall may be called  
by giving notice and  
stating purpose meeting  
held as soon as practicable.

Sect. III there shall be  
at least 10 monthly  
meetings each year  
See, IV five members  
the Board shall  
consult a governor  
and committee  
Art. VII  
the Board of Directors  
may make bylaws  
of rules not inconsistent  
with constitution of the  
Association  
as VII  
This constitution may  
be amended by the  
voting members of the  
Ass - at any time by  
a vote of a majority  
the members present  
at any meeting of which

3rd Annual Ox Roast

Sat. Sept. 11 '48 - De Witt, Mich.

*- Benetis Memorial Building -*

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YOU DO NOT HAVE TO BE PRESENT - WINNERS WILL BE NOTIFIED

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6th Annual

# OX ROAST

AUGUST 24 - 25

DEWITT, MICH.

2 Nites -- FREE ATTRACTIONS -- 2 Nites

Friday Night - Indian  
Ceremonial Dances



Saturday - 4 - 8 p.m.

Direct from WJR - Detroit -

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DeWitt  
High School Band

KIDDIE RIDES - EATS - CONCESSIONS

1951 Chevrolet 2-Door Sedan and Other Prizes  
To Be Given Away Saturday Nite. Tickets On Sale.

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FUN FOR ALL!

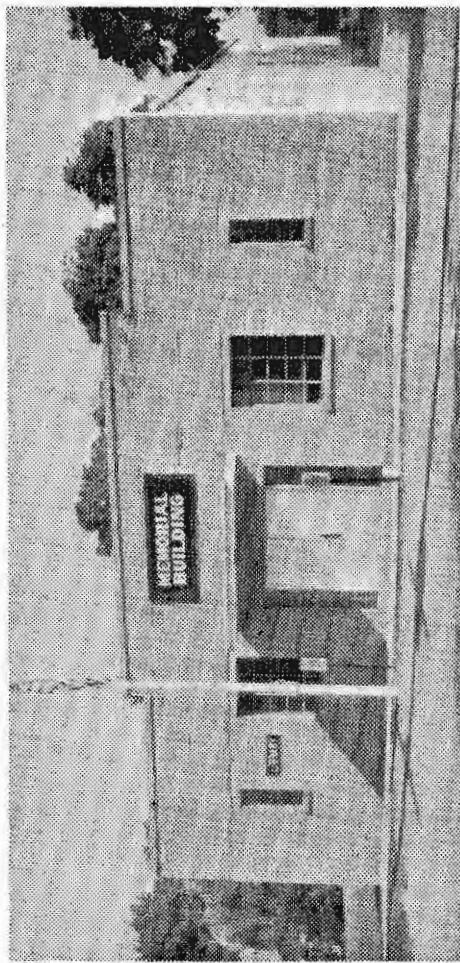
EVERYBODY WELCOME!



Saturday - 4 - 8 p.m.

Direct from WJR - Detroit -  
with a Carload of Laughs!

"Pie Plant Pete  
and Bashful Joe"



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## *A Brief History of the DeWitt Memorial Building*

On October 16, 1945, Mrs. Earl Pierson, Assistant Librarian, issued a request to every organization in DeWitt Township to send two representatives, to discuss the possibility of building a community building. A piece of property on West Washington Street, had been donated by Mr. and Mrs. William Rogerson, for the purpose of building a library, but they were agreeable to the construction of a community building, provided a library was accommodated.

The first donation was a pledge of one thousand dollars given by Mr. and Mrs. Verne Walker. All of the organizations agreed to raise money for this purpose. They formed a non-profit organization to erect and maintain a building, and named their group the Memorial Association.

The first Ox Roast was held in the Spring of 1946 and has become an annual event to provide funds for the operation and maintenance of the building. Jack Lenneman and Don Reed were the principle chefs and became known as the "barbecue kings" of Central Michigan.

The original building incorporators were L. J. Griswold and J. B. Vincent, Leo Spayde, Leon Blizzard, Mildred Carris, Hazel Norris, Verne Walker, and Mr. and Mrs. William Rogerson.

This building was to be dedicated to all veterans of all wars. It has been the meeting place for all local organizations and is quite unique in its inception and use.

The building was opened for partial use for the 1947 Ox Roast and was dedicated at the annual event in 1948. A bronze plaque placed in the lobby of the library by the DeWitt Blue Star Mothers, reads: "Lovingly dedicated to the men and women who served in all branches of military service, and to those who gave their lives to their country." The plaque also lists the eight names of local boys who gave their lives in World War II.

Our building now houses one of the most modern libraries in the state, for an area of this size. It is a member of the Central Michigan Library System. There is currently one meeting room, with complete kitchen facilities, in use by the public, with plans well under way for completion of the second room.

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PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

(At conclusion--Please remain standing)

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OUR MANY THANKS TO ALL WHO MADE THESE DONATIONS AND CEREMONY POSSIBLE.

DE WITT MEMORIAL ASSOCIATION  
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PLAQUE DEDICATION AND "50 STAR" FLAG PRESENTATION CEREMONY  
DE WITT MEMORIAL BUILDING, DE WITT, MICHIGAN  
JULY 27, 1960 - 8:30 P.M.

Regarding Plaque

It is dedicated to Veterans (male and female) of all wars. It bears the names of seven young men who gave their lives for our country during recent wars. (World War II: Vincent Paul Lerg, Lewis Phillips, Jr., Russell Ribby, Don D. Ingalls, Francis A. Richmond and Earl H. Benson---Korean Conflict: Richard Pike). Our greatest hopes are that additional names will never be added. If need be, however, space has been provided for same. The Plaque is intended to replace the Roll of Honor Board that has been enshrined in the Memorial Building Lobby. Proper and solemn disposition will be made of the Board at the appropriate time. The Plaque is a gracious donation from the De Witt Blue Star Mothers and it will occupy its place of honor on the west wall of the Memorial Building Lobby.

Regarding Flag

A New "50 Star" Flag is a donation from the De Witt Vets Club.

Master of Ceremonies

Mr. Richard (Dick) Keck  
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In charge of Guest Register

Mrs. Fern Wellington

In charge of Music

Mrs. Pat Armstrong

PROGRAM

MUSICAL SELECTION - "THE STAR SPANGLED BANNER"  
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Mrs. Faye Hanson  
(Librarian - De Witt Public Library)

BLUE STAR MOTHERS COMMENTARY

Mrs. Hazel Morris  
(Vice President - Blue Star Mothers)

# 8/15/60 Memorial Plaque Given In Colorful Ceremony

On Wednesday night, July 27, at the DeWitt Memorial building, a colorful dedication was held. A plaque was dedicated to Veterans, male and female, of all wars.

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THE PLAQUE is intended to replace the Honor Roll board, which was also a Blue Star Mother project and has in late years been in the lobby of the Memorial building. Proper and solemn disposition of same will be made of the board at the appropriate time.

The plaque is a donation also of DeWitt Blue Star Mothers and is now occupying its place of honor on the west wall of the Memorial building lobby.

A new 50-star flag which is a donation of the DeWitt Vets club now graces the north wall of the auditorium. The master of ceremonies of the evening was Richard Keck in absence of William Buck, village president. He and the rest of the committee were seated on a platform at a long table spread with red, white and blue.

Mrs Fern Wellington of DeWitt Blue Star Mothers had

charge of the guest book. Mrs Pat Armstrong had charge of the music.

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THE PROGRAM was as follows: musical selection, "The Star Spangled Banner". Rev A. M. Carson made the dedication prayer. Master of ceremonies then introduced Mrs Faye Hansen, librarian of the DeWitt Public Library. She gave a general commentary of when the library was started as a project of the active Civic club and how the Veterans building was started and for what purpose. She told of the many users of the building; how money was raised to start with. She introduced the Board of Directors of the building and the present officers that were present.

The officers of Blue Star Mothers were also introduced as was Earl Hendrix, who is a Spanish American War Veteran and makes his home in DeWitt. She spoke of each of the seven gold star boys and several who had received citations. Not all names were available as the society only had clippings of newspapers for information. It would be nice if mothers and fathers would give Mrs Hansen this information, these boys' names and their medals received to place on file for future use.

Next to be introduced was Percy Carris, a veteran of another war. This came after Mrs Hansen read a poem written by Harry Decker while on duty with the navy called "Percy and His Boys".

MRS HAZEL Norris, a charter member and past president of DeWitt Blue Star Mothers was then introduced and gave the dedication commentary. Mrs Norris in turn introduced two visiting Blue Star Mothers, the department of Michigan president, Mrs Mary Sharar of St. Louis Chapter and Mrs Chloe Bartholomew, 1st vice-president of Department of Michigan Blue Star Mothers and a member of St. Johns chapter.

DeWitt was honored to have these ladies present. Mrs Norris then introduced Mrs Marion Ritter, president of DeWitt chapter and Woodrow Armstrong, president of DeWitt Vets club and of the Memorial building board association.

Mrs Ritter presented the plaque in behalf of DeWitt Blue Star Mothers to Mr Armstrong, who received it in behalf of the Vets club and the DeWitt Memorial Building board.

Mr Keck then introduced Arthur Newman, DeWitt Postmaster and member of the Vets club, who gave the flag, commentary and gave the history of the flag from a few stars up to the present 50-star one.

Charles Ruble, secretary treasurer of the Vets club was introduced as was Gaylord Ward, treasurer of the board of directors of building and also custodian of the building. Mr Ruble presented the new 50-star flag to Mr Ward, who accepted it. Benediction was given by Rev A. M. Carson.

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# 12th Annual OX ROAST

8/19/00

DE WITT - MICH.

**Saturday, Aug. 27**

— Benefit of the DeWitt Memorial Building —

THE EVENT GETS UNDERWAY AT  
11:30 A.M. WITH A PARADE

**FUN FOR EVERYONE!  
RIDES - EATS - DRINKS  
GAMES - CONCESSIONS  
FREE ENTERTAINMENT**



The DeWitt Memorial Building (located on Washington Street) was erected to honor all War Veterans, and to provide opportunities for wholesome recreation, education, civic, and other leisure time activities. The Memorial Building houses a well-equipped "Cancer Closet" which gives aid, free of cost, to all who seek help. The DeWitt Public Library, which is located in the Memorial Building, is considered one of the finest in rural Michigan.

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# Sun Shines Brightly on DeWitt Ox Roast



**COME AND GET IT**—The cookbooks say don't use a fork to turn meat. But the pitchfork Jack Lennemann is using (Above) certainly didn't spoil the flavor of the 1,000 pounds of beef he and son Stan (left) cooked for the DeWitt Ox Roast last Saturday. The Lennemanns were on the job at 4:30 a.m. Saturday and were still going strong 12 hours later. Although their outdoor kitchen was in the shade, the steam from the huge covered pans made things a bit hot for them.

The DeWitt Veterans club couldn't have picked a finer day to have their 12th annual Ox Roast. The sky was cloudless from sunup to sundown, and a huge crowd was on hand at 11:30 a.m. to watch the parade.

Over 30 entries marched down Bridge street, led by the DeWitt high school band and the Veterans' color guard. The entries ranged from costumed kids on foot to horse-drawn vehicles and floats.

The aroma of pan-roasted beef began to drift over town

light as Jack Lennemann and son, Stan started practice-

ing their out-door culinary art. \* \* \* \* \*

**THE RIDES** and tents were set up Friday and the four corners of DeWitt were transformed into a carnival midway.

The ox roast is put on each year by the veterans to raise money to equip and maintain the Memorial building, the village civic center.

Cash prizes for parade entries in several classes were donated by DeWitt merchants, who also participated in the parade.

First prize for floats went to the DeWitt Community

church, second to DeWitt Grange float, third to the Kings, an Indian group from the DeWitt area, and fourth to Roger Sloat with his horse-drawn Standard Oil delivery truck.

**OTHER WINNERS** were Connie Ferguson, Cindy Gilbertson, Randy Lankford, Mike Strahle and Jackie Batsdorf, all youthful bicycle riders, and LaVerne Rossow, who paraded as Uncle Sam on stilts.

When the parade had passed, many of the spectators lined up at the food tent for roast

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## Ox Roast

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beef sandwiches, potato salad, and all the trimmings, including homemade pies donated by DeWitt ladies.

The game tent was also a center of attraction, featuring tests of skill for small prizes.

A temperamental ferris wheel was defunct most of the afternoon, but the rest of the rides were well patronized.

**ROY GILBERTSON**, with assistants, acted as master of ceremonies throughout the day with the aid of a sound truck and P. A. system. His services were also utilized by parents looking for lost children, children looking for lost parents, and to recover the owners of other lost articles.

Dusty Walker took over the mike in the evening and provided recorded music for dancing.

Woodrow Armstrong, president of the DeWitt Memorial Association and general chairman of the ox roast, extended his appreciation to his committeemen and others who helped to make the affair a success. Although the financial results hadn't been tabulated as yet, he expressed optimism that the Memorial building fund would be increased.

**PARADE** chairmen were Rev A. M. Carson and Gaylord Ward, assisted by Harry Bollinger. Judges were L. J. Griswold, Archie Moore and Hazel Norris.

Other chairmen and assistants were Glen Strahle, Ray Cohn, John Reust, Herb Hardtke, Lucile Ward, Donna Balderson, Norma White, Margaret Roberts, John Hiatt.

Officers of the DeWitt Veterans club are: president, Woodrow Armstrong; vice-president, Herbert Smith; secretary and treasurer, Chuck Ruble, and sergeant-at-arms, Bob Wilcox.

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