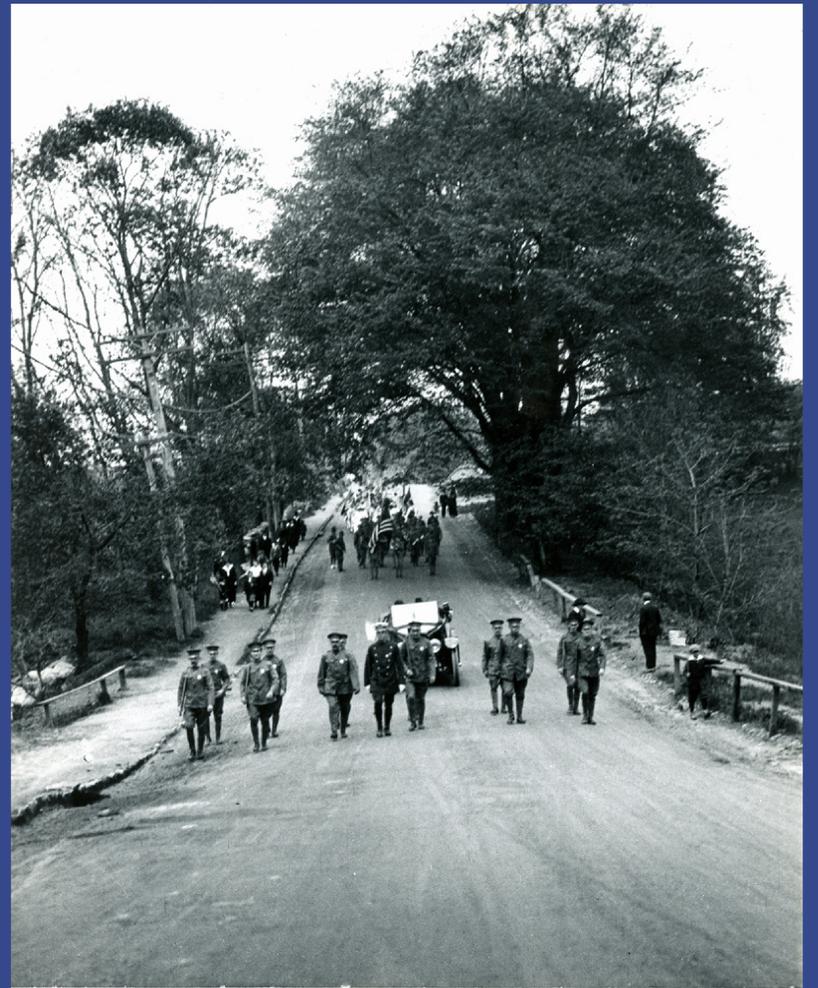


# THE 4TH OF JULY



First Fourth of July Celebration after incorporation as a village, 1915.



July 4th Parade, circa 1917. The Scarsdale Police Reserve, headed by Captain Ben Ruggiero in the center, march up Popham Road from White Plains Road.



July 4th Parade, circa 1917. The parade is seen passing along Post Road opposite Drake Road. The school, which later became Village Hall, is in the background.

# Happy INDEPENDENCE Day!



Village President Rush Wilson speaking to a crowd on July 4th, 1917. Other speakers were former Village President Bethell, and Rev. William C. Rourke, pastor of the Church of the Immaculate Heart of Mary. Written on the back: "Grace Terhune, Dunn (Jane?), Olivia Fountain, Grace Costain, Audrey Fountain, Marie Monfeldt, Margaret Dunham, Viola Roeben, Helen Smith, Coomes (Margaret Elizabeth?)"



*Kath Shillock  
Marie Monfeldt  
Grace Costain  
Coombs  
Audrey Fountain  
Margaret Dunham  
Viola Roeben*

*1917  
East Parkway Scarsdale NY  
214th Street*

July 4th parade, circa 1917. The photograph is taken from East Parkway and Spencer Place opposite the Taxi stand looking south. The real estate office of Angell & Co. is in the distance on the corner of Popham Road and East Parkway. The names written at the bottom are difficult to decipher. Number 3 is Grace Costain, 4 is Coombs, 5 is Audrey Fountain, and 7 is Margaret Sussman.

The United States entered World War I in 1917. Scarsdale responded with a more elaborate display of national pride on July 4th, with a parade and other events attended by around 700 people.



# 4<sup>th</sup> of July



Independence Day Celebration at the Scarsdale High School in 1926. Four standing figures left to right: Judge Mercer, Ernest Costain, Eugene Costain, George Clifton.



Chinese jugglers and singers entertained through the afternoon of the fifth, along with glider contests and Pickwin horseracing games, before the great display of fireworks in the evening. PHOTOS BY JOHN GARR

World War II saw Scarsdale expressing patriotism with impressive grandeur. An estimated 25,000 turned out for the festivities at Butler Field in 1941. Scarsdale Inquirer - July 11th, 1941

# 4th of July



**SCARSDALE 4th of JULY COMMUNITY CELEBRATION**

THE SCHEDULE OF EVENTS FOR WEDNESDAY, JULY 4th

**AT BUTLER FIELD**

**6:00 P.M.** Concert by Air Force Band—Chief Warrant Officer William D. Berky, Bandmaster. We urge you to be present. This concert is one of the highlights of the Celebration—by one of the best Military Bands in the Country.

**7:15 P.M.** Retreat — Evening Parade — Mayor Willard P. Scott, Honorary Commander  
Col. Harold F. Gormsen, Commander  
Major Kevney O'Connor, Adjutant

**8:00 P.M.** Evening Ceremonies —  
Senator Pliny W. Williamson, Presiding  
a — Invocation — Rev. Bruce M. Bowen, Hitchcock Memorial Church  
b — Address — Mayor Willard P. Scott  
c — Advance the Colors — U. S. Army Color Guard  
d — Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag  
e — Salute to the Flag—Three volleys fired by U. S. Army Firing Squad  
f — The Battle Hymn of the Republic — Air Force Band  
g — Retire the Colors — U. S. Army Color Guard  
h — Benediction—Rev. Walter L. Schroeder, I.H.M. Church  
i — Stars and Stripes Forever — Air Force Band

**8:45 P.M.** Concert by Air Force Band

**9:30 P.M.** Fireworks Display

**10:30 P.M.** Air Force Band

**11:00 P.M.** Good Night and God Bless You.

**NEIGHBORHOOD GAMES AND CEREMONIES**

**9:30 a.m.**  
**GREENACRES:**  
Greenacres School Playground — Mr. Milton S. Harrison, Chairman  
Mr. Winston Hobbs, Pres. of Greenacres Ass'n

**10:00 a.m.**  
**EAST SCARSDALE:**  
Crossway Field — Mr. Charles A. Hammarstrom and Mr. Morris F. Harris, Co-Chairmen  
Mr. Edwin B. deLima, Pres. of East Scarsdale Ass'n

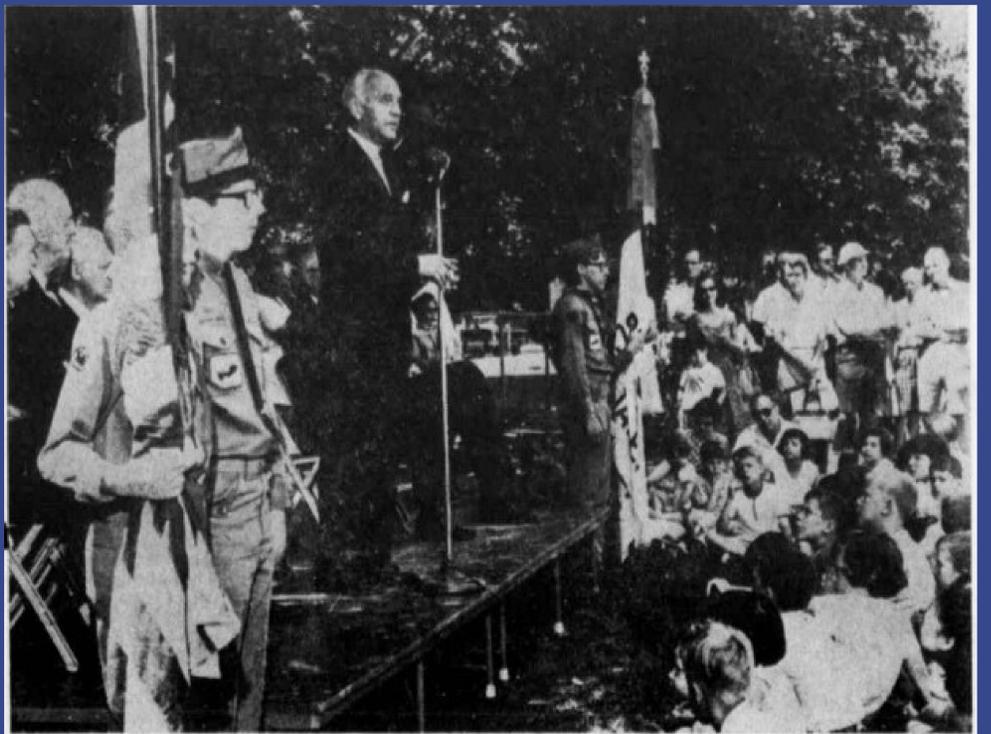
**2:00 p.m.**  
**ARTHUR MANOR:**  
Davis Park — Mr. Norman B. Steinberg, Chairman  
Mr. Robert E. Delany, Pres. of Arthur Manor Ass'n

All Children are invited to participate. Please pass the word along.

Scarsdale Inquirer - June 29th, 1956

Private July 4th parties were reported in the Scarsdale Inquirer as early as 1902. Prior to 1915 Scarsdale did not hold any public celebrations for Independence Day. Since then, celebrations have often been held by neighborhood associations.

The pool complex, opened in 1969, soon became a prime location for July 4th celebrations. At first the festivities were restricted to pool members. In 1976 the bicentennial celebration included a fireworks display, open to all residents, starting a tradition that continues today.



INDEPENDENCE DAY '76: Mayor Malcolm A. MacIntyre (top) addresses Tuesday morning gathering at Greenacres Field. At Davis Park two-year old twins, Matthew and Bill Flaherty get into the flag-waving spirit of things, left, while at right, George Cook, John Mabie and Neil Fleisig (l. to r.) portray the Spirit of '76. —Gass and Fabry photos

Scarsdale Inquirer - July 6th, 1967



# Happy Independence Day



July 4th, 1970 - Uncle Sam leads children from Arthur Manor in their 4th of July parade.



**DRAWN BY THE LURE** of bombs bursting in air, like those above, an estimated 9000 were at the Scarsdale **Pool** Saturday evening, while 2000-3000 more watched the Bicentennial pyrotechnics from outside. Despite the unprecedented multitude all went smoothly except for the one hour traffic jam produced when the departing crowd all tried to drive out of the three parking lots in the area onto Mamaroneck Road at the same time. For more on how Scarsdale residents spent the weekend of America's 200th birthday, see page 4.

Berger photos.