

July 4th 1935 Slate Belt 100th Anniversary Event Held In Bangor Pa.

By Michael Ortoski / Donald Jones

BANGOR - A film that was discovered, repaired and posted on UTube depicts what I think is the largest gathering of people ever in Bangor for the celebration of the Slate Belts 100th anniversary in 1935.

Life time Bangor resident Donald Jones found it on the internet and called me over to his house to discuss this gem.

His older sister was the 'Queen of the Parade' and road down Market St. in a elaborate float that day. You have to view the video in it's entirety, there is no sound but just to see all the mass of people on and in the streets is amazing.

Jones was about 10 at the time but remembers a lot about the day. He said many

dignitaries from Pa. were there including the Governor.

A couple highlights I liked was the elaborate floats that were decorated like the Rose Bowl Parade. One category was the

'Baby Carriage Parade,' every one is unique. Every parade entry had their number posted prominently on both sides for the judges see.

They even had a Soap Box Derby' down Market St., which amazes me because of the speeds they had to be going. The crowds in the background look to be 10 to 15 deep.

Some of the business that had floats were Reagle Dodge, Steimetz's Furniture, Broadway Shoe Store, Bangor Jax Democratic men's & Women's Club just to name a few.

Watch the video and enjoy and share with others:

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