

## Orr to open Monrovia sesquicentennial Sept. 1

Sylvanus Finchum, a retired teacher, and Julius Dillon, a farmer and bank director, are co-directors for the Monrovia Sesquicentennial celebration on Labor Day weekend, and about 500 people are involved in the planning.

Today, Finchum said that Gov. Robert Orr has agreed to open the 150th year celebration with a speech at noon on Sept. 1, and a collection of colorful balloons will be released at that time. Republican County Chairman Robert Watkins made the arrangements for Orr's appearance, Finchum said.

### The schedule

At 9 a.m. on Saturday, Sept. 1, the program will feature crafts, antique machinery, a steam show, buggy rides, a museum, quilt show, music, open house and free shuttle bus service. Carnival rides, games, food stands and a movie of *Our Town, Monrovia, Indiana* will continue all three days.

Following Orr's official opening at noon, a Civil War battle program east of the school house will be at 2 p.m. At 7 p.m., there will be a square dance, and at 9 p.m., a disco dance.

On Sunday, Sept. 2, in addition to the carry-over events, a pageant will be presented covering Monrovia's 150 years of progress.

At 4 p.m., there will be a parachute jump and balloon ride.

At 5:30 p.m., there will be a church gospel sing, followed by a square dance at 7 p.m.

Monday morning activities will continue with the same program as Saturday morning, with threshing to be done east of the school at 10 a.m.

The program will conclude with a parade at 2 p.m.

Various organizations will provide food stands, and there will be facilities for overnight camping, parking, restrooms, emergency and first aid.

### Committee chairmen

Other committee chairmen include Tom and Arlene Simpson and Jeff Lanham, promotion and publicity; Don Stinson, Gary Gibson, Philip Dillman and Ira Hinshaw, parade; Virginia Jett, historical booklet; Betty Fields, pageant; Sheriff Paul Mason, traffic; Bob Rushton, shuttle bus; Buddy Chapple, food stands; the Rev. John Sichting, Sunday evening program; Anna Stader, museum and quilt show; Don Ambrose, movie of town; Gary Saucerman, buggy rides, parachute jump and hot air balloon; Henry Youngblood and Bruce Atkinson, steam show and threshing; Gilbert Buis, crafts, parking, Civil War battle and square dancing; and Eugene Robins, live country music.

Booth spaces will cost \$5 per day or \$10 for three days. No obscene objects or slogans will be allowed. Persons wanting booth space may contact Waneta Buis, R.R. 1, Box 186, Monrovia 46157 or phone 996-3259.

### A bit of history

Monrovia was laid out in 45 lots in June 1834 by a surveyor paid by Gideon Johnson and George Hubbard. The lots were four rods front and 10 rods long, with Johnson and Hubbard as proprietors.

The two Quakers gave the original plat the name of Pleasant Grove. It was later changed to Monrovia, a variation of the township name. Hubbard built the first house on the

land, and Johnson and Ira Hadley were the first merchants.

When the town's property was first purchased at the land office in Crawfordsville beginning in 1823, these people bought it: John Hadley, Martin Davenport, Timothy H. Jessup and Joshua Hadley. Several additions to the town have been made since that time.

## Local IU graduate is Governor's Fellow

INDIANAPOLIS — Gov. Robert Orr has named Christine S. Schroeder, Martinsville, as a 1984 Governor's Fellow. As a participant in the fellowship program, Miss Schroeder began work July 2 as a management trainee in state government.

Miss Schroeder is a 1984 graduate of Indiana University, where she majored in journalism. While attending I.U., she received the 1981 Red Cross Hall of Fame bronze plaque. She is also a past winner of the Abbott Journalism Scholarship and the Business & Professional Women's Club Scholarship.

The Governor's Fellowship is a 12-month training program for college graduates who have received their undergraduate degree within the last two years. The program's goal is to introduce participants to the management of state government through agency assignments and seminars.

"The Governor's Fellowship program provides a vehicle for harnessing the talents of young Hoosiers and putting them to use in service to Indiana's citizens," said Orr. "At the end of the fellowship year next June, those Fellows who have proven themselves as potential managers may be offered permanent employment with the state."

"Over the years, the Fellowship program allows us to build a cadre of generalists in state government well-prepared to improve state service to Hoosiers."

Orr selected 10 participants for this year's Fellowship. Others include Gary E. Gatman, Shelley L. Haskett, Thomas J. Jeffers Jr., Kimberly A. Allman and Thomas W. Wallace, all Indianapolis; Jane D. Brennan, Bloomington; Jeanette C. Kassebaum, Noblesville; Kevin B. Moore, Terre Haute; and Lou Ann Baker, Corydon.

## Weather

Local temperatures — 24-hour low 51, 24-hour high 82, current (11 a.m. today) 72. Precipitation yesterday: Trace. Barometric pressure 30.05 in., humidity 86% at 7:30 a.m. today. Winds: calm. Readings by Marshall Gregson. Sunset tonight 8:17, sunrise tomorrow 5:25.

Tonight clear and unseasonably cool. Low in upper 40s to low 50s. North to northeast wind 5 mph. Sunday mostly sunny and a little warmer. High in upper 70s to low 80s.

Mostly sunny days and clear nights. Lows mostly in the 60s Monday and mid 60s to low 70s Tuesday and Wednesday. Highs Monday mid 80s to low 90s. Hot Tuesday and Wednesday. Highs in upper 80s to mid 90s.

Today is Saturday, July 7th, the 189th day of the year.