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It's a bologna crisis, but Adelphi festival goes on

By FRANCES B. MURPHEY
Adelphi's Bologna Festival faced quite a crisis this year. Its bolognamaker quit business. That nearly flipped firemen in the Adelphi and Colerain Volunteer Fire Department in southern Ohio. They have sponsored the bologna festival, a firemen's carnival with a gimmiak, for four years. Years ago a German meat market man in Adelphi made the best bologna in those parts. In recent years, when firemen expanded their street fair, they decided to name it for the sausage which is named in turn for the Italian city of Bologna.

BUT IN APRIL ailing Homer Fetherolf, who provided the bologna at festival time, decided to sell his packing house at public auction. With the business went the recipe for the Adelphi bologna. No one

could be sure that Fetherolf's successor would be operating in time to provide meat for the fifth annual festival. So, the firemen hope to get a



similar type bologna from a meat packing company in Logan.

Mrs. David Goodman, wife of the local fire chief, said, "We are going ahead because the posters are already printed telling of the May 28 to 31 festival."

"We have a new coloring book on the press right now and our program book will be ready to sell for a donation of 25 cents," she added.

THE FESTIVAL is a small-town

event, not the kind you drive across the state to see.

But if you're in the neighborhood over the Memorial Day weekend, it might be fun to stop by. Adelphi (pop. 455) is a town the world has passed by.

Its fading business district and worn buildings show there's little action in the community.

Yet one can get fascinated by the old Knights of Pythias Hall and the leftover motel sign on a downtown hotel. Nearly every home has a hand pump over a well.

Adelphi is tucked in the corner of Ross County near the border of Pickaway and Hocking Counties. Its crossroads comes from Ohio 56 intersecting Ohio 180.

L. A. Vaughan, retired president of Akron's Adams Funeral Home, estimates it is 163 miles from Akron.

Both Vaughan and his wife grew up in Adelphi. They have a niece, Florence Marchington, still living there.

WHILE DRIVING to the bologna bit, I passed through Kinnickinnick and Hallsville on Ohio 180. They are northeast of Chillicothe. I missed Rattlenshake Knob which is on most maps at 1,280 feet elevation.

First thing one notices along the closed-off main street is a sign proclaiming, "Bologna — Try it — You'll Like it."

Andrew DeLong, 6, was helping his parents at the bologna booth. One could buy the meat by the pound, in a sandwich or on a cracker.

At the other end of the age bracket, Mary E. Campbell, 88, was a festival booster. She is a native Adelphiian.

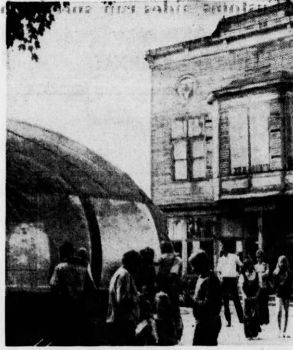
Activities at the 1976 festival are designed for young and old.

A QUEEN will be crowned after the pet and bicycle parade which starts at 6 p.m. Friday. A Little Miss Bologna also will be selected. Free square dancing will follow.

The fun and games, mainly for children, start at 11 a.m. next Saturday. Magic Midway Spectacular from Columbus will provide the rides.

Thunderchickens, billed as "the world's only sky-diving clown," will jump at 1 p.m. both Saturday and Sunday.

A band concert at 4 p.m. Satur-



The old and new: Weathered facade of Adelphi's "Bargain Barn" seems even older and more faded than usual when it's contrasted with the air pillow, a modern midway attraction imported for the village's Bologna Festival.



A member of the Ross County Senior Citizens Klubchen Band from Chillicothe blows a hot coffee pot in concert at Adelphi's Bologna Festival.

water fight between area firemen at 1:30 p.m. The Adelphi Band and the Gospel Crusaders will provide music.

Monday's finale will feature an afternoon Pinewood Derby, beard contest and parade of old dresses at 7 p.m. and a rock and roll band at 8.

ADELPHI is not far from the beautiful Hocking Hills State Park with the inviting Cedar Falls, Old Man's Cave, Ash Cave and Conkles Hollow.

Wayne National Forest covers a great deal of acreage east of the park.

Chillicothe, Ohio's first capital city, offers the Mound City Group of Indian mounds and Adena, the "Mount Vernon" of Ohio, where leading citizen Thomas Worthington lived.

When I headed to Adelphi for its small festival, I thought of Akron lawyer Parke Thompson who collects small countries the world over.

He has been to 221 countries, which means I can never match him with Ohio festivals since the state doesn't have that many, unless you count every local one.

Adelphi's is about as small as I'll write about.

Still unanswered is how the town got its name. The word "adelphi" is Greek and related to "brothers."

Even now, it's a nice brotherly place. Sisterly, too. Which means you're welcome if you stop.

Today's Great American



Mary Cassatt

Born May 22, 1845 — Died 1926

America's foremost woman painter

By WILL ALLESON
Her father was a Pittsburgh banker. Her older brother was a famous railroad engineer and president. Her family was fashionable. She had the upbringing of a gentlewoman of means and she obeyed the conventional Victorian standards of social behavior. And yet she became the greatest American woman artist who ever lived.

Mary Cassatt was born in 1845 on this day — May 22. Her parents permitted her to study at Pennsylvania Academy of Fine Arts in Philadelphia. At 29, she settled in a studio in Paris.

IT HAS BEEN said that her

Although he was skeptical of the talents of all rivals in the Paris art world, as well as a woman-hater, Degas invited her to exhibit her paintings with his and the work of such friends as Edouard Manet.

Degas and Mary Cassatt shared an enthusiasm for hard work in their studios, a dislike for painting outdoors and a contempt for artists they considered "cafe loafers."

IN OUR TIME, she is most famous for her paintings of young mothers and their children. Looking at one of these, Degas could not resist his bitter tongue: "It has all your qualities and all your faults. It

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