

Fourth of July recollections

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clans (usually the Nashua Military Band) in side and provided a hangin on hold for small boys who wished they too were play ing the trumpet or beating the big bass drum

The Boy Scouts erected a tent nearby where they dispensed the usual The soda pop was cooled in Mother's galvanized wash tub filled with cracked ice from Burges Pond The last year this tub was used was when a boy let his ice chipping tool pierce the bottom of the tub Is a further explanation necessary?

There was baseball of sorts on the Com mon hardly large enough for a Junior

League play-off But the ball was soft and didn't go very far

In 1910 when Mrs Mabel Whitney built a new playground between the Frost School and the Academy (now Roudenbush Cen ter), the local boys showed off their prowess at baseball For a while, the Westford A A fielded a team whose major components were three Sullivan and three Griffin boys who were the stars

It was a status symbol for those who were wealthy enough to own a Model T or Max well to ring the Common at concert time, loudly showing their approval at the end of the rendition of Stars & Stripes Forever or every other tune with a cacophony of Klaxons. Horses were relegated to the church horsehseds

As we all recall everyone had a dandy time