

SCARSDALE KOREA

GOES
TO

FROM CONFLICT TO COOPERATION

War Takes Its Toll



KOREAN WAR 1950-1953 "The Forgotten War"

Korea was divided into Communist North (NK) and Republic of South Korea (ROK) by the United Nations in 1947. On June 25, 1950 NK invaded the ROK. Meeting little resistance they moved to an area at the southern tip called the "Pusan Perimeter" where U.S. President Harry S. Truman approved a "Police Action", with the support of 16 UN nations, stopped the NK advance. To stop heavy fighting along the Naktong River General Douglas MacArthur ordered a surprise amphibious landing at Inchon Harbor on Sept. 15, 1950 with Navy & Marine forces who then advanced to the Chinese border along the Yalu River.

This advance alarmed the Chinese who committed massive troops which turned the face of the conflict. UN troops were surrounded at the Chosin reservoir on Nov. 27, 1950 and forced to fight their way out to Hungnam Harbor where 105,000 troops & 95,000 civilians were evacuated in 195 ships back to Pusan Harbor. Political pressures in the states forced President Truman to relieve General MacArthur of his command on April 11, 1951. Fighting flowed back and forth across the 38th parallel until July 27, 1953. Truce talks were started at Kaesong but later moved to the permanent site of Panmunjom. Prisoner repatriation was resolved by a "Neutral Nations Repatriation Commission" that took custody and dispersal of 88,559 prisoners. A formal truce has never been signed. A two mile wide "Demilitarized Zone" was created replacing the 38th Parallel border.

Scarsdale Resident Losses

Joseph V. DiPietro PVT USA	20 Jul. 1950	Paul C. Hart 2nd LT. USA	13 Dec. 1950
Charles T. Fischer USN	16 Oct. 1951	Elmore Smith USMC	16 Sept. 1951
Albert W. Fletcher USA	26 Aug. 1952	Gilbert B. Pearsall USAF	24 Jul. 1953



When the United States entered the Korean War in 1950, the wounds of World War II were still fresh. Eighty-two Scarsdale residents were listed KIA or MIA during the global conflict. Those who served in World War II were exempt from the Korean War draft, but Scarsdale would lose six more residents to the new conflict.

THE AMERICAN KOREAN FOUNDATION



Scarsdale Inquirer, April 3, 1953.

Members of the Rusk Rehabilitation Mission of the AKF, including Scarsdale residents Palmer Bevis, Dr. Rusk, and his wife, at Tokyo International Airport.



Malcolm A. MacIntyre
Mayor of Scarsdale from 1966-1969

Even before the Korean War ended in 1953, Scarsdale residents were raising funds to help Koreans who were displaced or orphaned by the War. A few influential Scarsdalians were involved in the formation of The American-Korean Foundation in 1952. Scarsdale resident Palmer Bevis was executive director of the newly formed

Foundation. Dr. Howard A. Rusk, famed pioneer of rehabilitation medicine and Scarsdale resident, was elected President of the AKF in 1954. In 1953, Dr. Rusk headed two missions sponsored by the Foundation sent to Korea to assess the needs of the Korean people. Rusk lived in Scarsdale from 1948-1960. Malcolm MacIntyre, Scarsdale resident and Acting Air Force Secretary in 1959, was also involved with the AKF, along with residents Robert E. Delaney, Mrs. Carol Lyttle, Mrs. G. W. Greenlee, Sigmunt Nagorski, and Leonard W. Mayo. Fundraising for the AKF and other Korean charities continued throughout the 1950s in Scarsdale, culminating in the July 4th, 1959 festivities which raised a net of over \$22,000.



Song Yong Cho

Korean boy featured in the Scarsdale Inquirer of June 12th, 1953. He was orphaned during the War and also lost both his feet to frostbite. The Rusks met the boy on their trip to Korea and arranged to bring him back to United States and for him to stay at Boys Town orphanage in New York City. The fate of Korean orphans was clearly on the mind of the Rusks and they brought the issue to the attention of the rest of Scarsdale.



Dr. Howard A. Rusk

honorary chairman of the Scarsdale July 4th Committee, and chairman of the AKF, talks to his fellow townspeople on Memorial Day, 1959, about the all-out effort to honor Korea on this year's Independence Day. Dr. Rusk was a pioneer in rehabilitation medicine, and founded the Rusk Rehabilitation Center at NYU Rangone. He was a Scarsdale resident from 1948-1960.

INDEPENDENCE

|| EVERYONE'S || DECLARING IT

American-Korean Foundation Scarsdale July 4th Project

Scarsdale, July 4th, 1959. At the lectern is Mr. Robert E. Delany, Chairman of the American-Korean Foundation Scarsdale July 4th Project. To his left are: Hon. Malcolm A. MacIntyre; Hon. David B. Mathias, Mayor of Scarsdale; Dr. Howard A. Rusk; Mr. John P. Edmondson; Mr. John Hemmerly; Mr. Richard F. Hansen; and Korea's Ambassador to the U. N. Ben C. Limb.

On July 4th, 1959, Scarsdale came together to celebrate Independence Day and Republic of Korea Day, a festival to raise money for the American-Korean Foundation. The celebration was held at the high school grounds and Butler Field, and featured art and flower displays, concerts, games of skill, food and refreshments, a Korean tea party, a Korean pageant, and an auction. A net of over \$22,000 was raised at the event, which was attended by over 11,000 residents and members of neighboring communities, including 100 Koreans. Speakers included Korean Ambassador to the United Nations Ben C. Limb, and Acting Air Force Secretary and Scarsdale resident Malcolm A. MacIntyre. Following the festival, Robert E. Delany, Chairman of the Scarsdale July 4th Committee, flew to Korea to personally deliver 500 scholarships for Korean orphans to President Syngman Rhee.

Butler Field July 4th, 1959

Scarsdale High School. Over 12,000 attended the festivities. The individuals having their photograph taken are unidentified, but the man in the dark suit in the middle could be Korean Ambassador to the U. N. Ben C. Limb, who attended and spoke during the ceremonies.

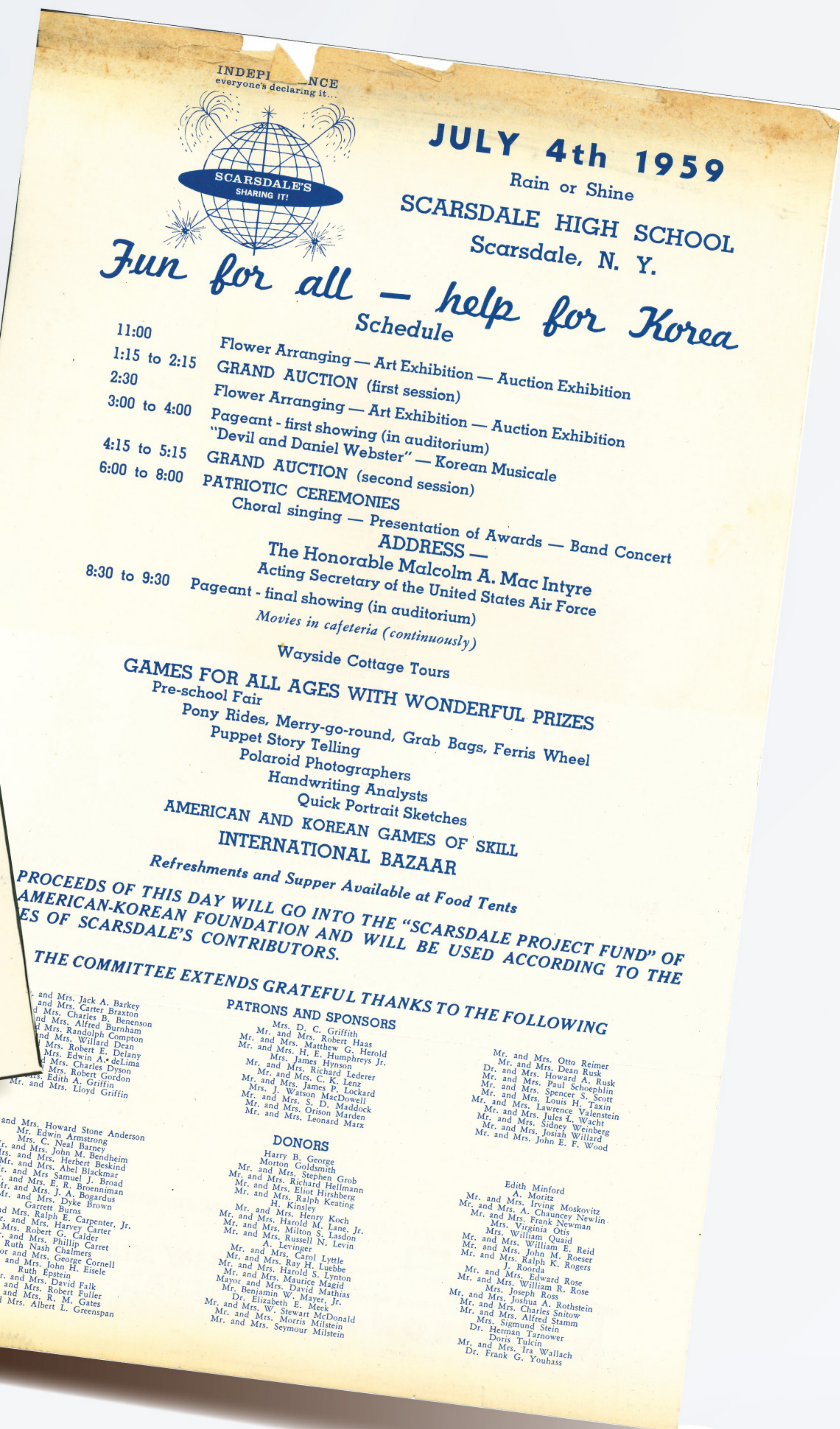


Performers in the Korean Pageant
July 4, 1959

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SHARING IT

The organizers of the AKF Scarsdale Project reached out to local organizations and businesses to publicize the fundraiser. The event was also covered in Korean language publications. The tag line was "Independence - Everyone's Declaring It, Scarsdale's Sharing It."



Flyer Advertising | July 4th, 1959

This flyer advertising the July 4th, 1959 celebration gives the schedule of the day's events, including an exhibit of Korean art, two auction sessions, patriotic ceremonies, a Korean pageant, an international bazaar, and American and Korean games for all ages

SCARSDALE GOES TO KOREA

Robert E. Delany

Lt. Col. Delany Reopens Offices

Robert E. Delany of 180 Gaylor Rd., has announced the reopening of the law offices at 37 Wall St.,



Lt. Col. Delany

New York City, where he practiced prior to his recall to duty with the Army in September, 1950.

Robert E. Delany traveled to Seoul to personally deliver a check to President Syngman Rhee and to tour some of the orphanages and hospitals that were to benefit from the fundraiser. Rhee, who had spent time in the United States, was elected President of the Republic of Korea in 1948. He remained in power until 1960, when student protests forced him to flee the Country. A DC-4 belonging to the CIA flew him out of Korea. Rhee spent the rest of his life in Hawaii, where he died in 1965. The timing of Delany's trip to Korea in July of 1959 was at the very end of Rhee's reign. His regime was notorious for political repression and corruption.



Presidential Palace Seoul, Korea, 1959

President Syngman Rhee receives Robert E. Delany. Here Delany is presenting a special citation to President Rhee from the Girl Scouts of Scarsdale. Looking on is the Korean Director of the Office of Public Information, Sung C. Chun. Delany also brought to the chief executive of the Republic of Korea a commemorative book of the entire AKF-Scarsdale Project and a check to cover 500 scholarships for Korean Children.



Honored Guest Korea, 1959

Robert E. Delany (seated at right) is honored guest at this impromptu performance given outside Seoul Angels Home. The children in foreground are giving their version of the farmer's dance. With Delany are Mrs. Dany Levy and Richard F. Underwood of the AKF.



Charity Hospital Seoul, Korea, 1959

Robert E. Delany visits with children at Seoul Children's Charity Hospital and gets a first-hand picture of the enormous needs of the children in Korea. The hospital is one of the many that received aid from the American-Korean Foundation in both money and supplies. The monthly salaries of the two Mennonite nurses who headed the nursing staff were also paid by the AKF.