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Two decades have now past by since that hot Saturday afternoon on August 15, 1959 when the Town of Gaines celebrated its Sesquicentennial. Quantities of people showed up for the festivities which included a gala parade from Childs to Gaines with floats, bands, horses, carriages and old cars. Carolyn Reed was chosen the Sesquicentennial Queen. There was an historical exhibit, a horse show, church smorgasbord, Grange Square Dance and mostly a very memorable occasion for all. In those days no historical celebration was complete without a beard growing contest. Over forty men participated in this facelifting project and were photographed by John Koval. Twenty years ago in the August 13th issue of the Albion Advertiser that picture which you see above appeared. Front Row: William Woolston, Theodore Schoonover, Thomas Manning, Glen Woolston, Ralph Appleton, Maynard Bannon, Gerald Thaine, David Sanford, Everett Hobbs. Middle Row: Richard Appleton, Herbert Morrison, Paul Chappius, Richard Peruzzini, Harold Peruzzini, Peter Ricci, Wesley Bennett, James Kerridge, Colonel Ball, Dominic Martillotta, Sortman Jordan, Clure Appleton, Howard Pratt. Back Row: Jesse Downey, Carl Huthsteiner, Donald Bennett, Andrew Butz, Albert Neal, Jr., William Schuler, Terry Neal, Kenneth Drew, David Youngs, Wilbur Scroger, Royce Freeman, Wayne Rath, Gordon Miller, Arthur Gould, Richard Hill, David Vagg, Rev. John Minott, Whitney Howes, Clifford Allen.