

The Jacob Weber Family of Plymouth, Richland County, Ohio Everyone Loves a Parade



Undated photo of the Jacob and Suzanna Weber family of Plymouth, OH. At the wheel is daughter Elizabeth (Lib) Weber. Next to her is her sister Katherine (Kate) Weber. In the back seat L to R is an unidentified woman, Norma Johnston (about 5 years old), Edward Johnston (two years old), and Anna Weber Johnston (sister of Lib and Kate and the mother of Norma and Edward). At the far right in the back seat is an unidentified child, probably the daughter of the woman at the far left. The photo was taken in 1915, based on the fact that Edward was born in June of 1913 and appears to be two years old.

There is something very American about a small-town Fourth-of-July celebration. The festivities would certainly have been one of the highlights of the summer in the farming community of Plymouth, OH where the Jacob Weber family had established their home. In the photos above, the Webers and their car are all decked out for what must certainly be a parade celebrating the holiday, very likely to be followed by a picnic that included the family's traditional dishes. Anna might well have prepared her much-appreciated German potato salad. The women aren't smiling, but this was 1915 and people then did not generally smile for photographs. A parade and food: perfect ways to celebrate the Fourth of July!