CELEBRATION IN PROVINCETOWN BEGAN TODAY

200th Anniversary of Founding of Town Attracts Thousands

GUN SALUTE OPENS PROGRAM

Historical Pageant This Afternoon; Ball Tonight

[Special to The TIMES] PROVINCETOWN, Aug. Tourists from every section of the United States and residents of the Cape began to arrive here yesterday afternoon and last night for the celebration of the 200th anniversary of the founding of Provincetown. The celebration opens this afternoon when the U.S.S. Arkansas comes into harbor from Newport. The battleship will fire a 21 gun salute as she enters the harbor, and will be boarded by a committee headed by Selectman Jesse Rogers who will invite the officers to a ball this evening at Provincetown Inn

Celebration Begins

At 2 o'clock this afternoon festivities will be officially opened with a band concert before the Town Hall by the U.S. S. Arkansas band. A baseball game will foliow at 4 o'clock. At 7 o'clock this evening an historical pageant depicting the founding and growth of Province-town to the present day will be given by children of the Grammar school, following which the celebration will be moved to the Province-town Inn for the ball.

Big Parade

Tomorrow's program will open with a parade, which will be the big event of the four day celebration. Floats showing Provincetown in 1727 when it became a separate township, and 1927 will be featured. Artists, who have made the little Cape town famous as a colony, have arranged for a three mile exhibit of pictures from one end of the town to the other. The Hawthorne club will have the leading place in the parade with a float of great historical interest prepared by members of the organization.