

HISTORIC TOWN 200 YEARS OLD

Provincetown Cele-
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Aug. 4

PROVINCETOWN, July 30—

With a lavish four-day programme depicting the dramatic story of this historic town Provincetown will celebrate its 200th anniversary starting August 4. Long winded speeches and tiresome exercises such as often mark the ordinary celebration have been specifically barred.

FINE PROGRAMME PLANNED

Skilfully handled by prominent men of the State the four-day celebration will be a vivid moving picture of the colorful old town, the first haven of the Pilgrims on American soil. The romance of the sea, adventure, proud traditions and New England culture will be attractively portrayed for the thousands of visitors.

The U. S. S. Arkansas will be here especially for the occasion. Her complement of 1000 men, headed by Vice-

Admiral A. H. Robertson, commander of the scouting fleet, will head a parade that will be a typical portrayal of the past and present Provincetown.

A personal representative of President Coolidge will deliver the nation's compliments, while Governor Fuller in person will convey the best wishes of the Commonwealth.

A realistic touch will be given the bicentenary by the presence of Manisikon, a direct descendant of Chief Aspinet, sachem of the Nauset tribe, and other descendants of the Nauset clan. It is the latter tribe that once owned the Cape Cod islands. As a colorful contrast a small army of art students of the class of Charles Hawthorne, a noted painter, will march in the parade—signifying that Provincetown claims the largest art colony in the country.

Children to Give Pageant

Exhaustive rehearsals have been held by the school children of the town to stage on Thursday, the opening day, a pageant unfolding the history of the town. Over an area of five miles the harbor will be illuminated at night with red fire, while Vice-Admiral Robertson and officers of the Arkansas are being feted by the townspeople. Band concerts, baseball and water sports will be daily features.

That the daily excursionists from Boston may have ample opportunity to witness it, the parade will not start until 2 p. m., Friday, when Provincetown's last town crier, Walter Smith, who is resigning his position, will make his last appearance. Every organization for miles about will have a float in the parade, chief among them being a float dramatizing the signing of the compact in 1620 in the cabin of the Mayflower.

The most lively feature of the procession will be the two warring groups—the "old hat" conservative painters and the young ultra-modernist brush wielders.

Saturday will be given over to entertainments, with elaborate displays of fireworks in the evening, while bicentenary services will be held in all the churches Sunday.