

PROVINCETOWN BICENTENNIAL CELEBRATION

Parade This Afternoon
Will Be High Point
of Observance

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TOWN'S STREETS

Festivities Formally
Opened Last Night

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PROVINCETOWN, Aug. 5.—The second day of Provincetown's four-day celebration of her 200th anniversary as a town will be featured this afternoon by a mammoth parade and impressive exercises in the Town hall. At 2 o'clock this afternoon the parade, which will be the high light of the greatest celebration in the history of the little Cape Cod town, will start along the three-mile line of march.

Provincetown today is thronged with the greatest crowds that have ever visited the famous artist colony, and visitors from every section of the country are still arriving by automobile and boat. The

harbor is dotted with pleasure craft decked in code flags, and just off shore is the great suverdreadnaught U. S. S. Arkansas.

Art Displayed

For three miles, from one end of Main street to the other, artists of Provincetown have arranged a display of their work. There is a picture in every store window on the Main street.

The celebration was officially opened last night with exercises at Town hall.

From the lips of a 14-year-old school girl, Joselyn Lewis, the visitors received their official welcome to the jubilation.

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And it was from the members of the first year high school class that the several thousand who gathered around the Town hall heard the history of Provincetown reviewed for them last night, at the official opening exercises. In sentences brief and girlish, the blonde-haired Katherine Viera opened the Memory Book and introduced her classmates who were to build up, bit by bit, the history of the settlement.

Thorvald's Adventure Sketched

The early adventure of Thorvald, brother of Leif Erickson, was briefly sketched—his landing here and finding of good lands, his sudden death by an Indian arrow, and his desire to be buried on the "goodly lands" now known as Chip Hill. As the boys, all sons of fishermen, told of the days of Provincetown's glory on the seas, one could see the whaling schooners nosing their way in to the placid harbor where the yachts rocked at anchor and the lights of U. S. S. Arkansas played.

Brief as were the exercises, taking not over a half hour and brief as was the welcome, it was indeed impressive.

"We welcome all who wish to gaze on our monument," said Miss Lewis as she leaned on the rails of the side porch of the Town Hall and looked into the sea of faces, "or those who wish to see the ever changing marine views, the picturesque sand dunes or those drawn here by cool breezes and the health

giving climate as well as the quaintness of the town. The old town incorporated 200 years ago welcomes each and all."

Band Concert

A band concert, both afternoon and evening, was given by the band of the U. S. S. Arkansas, under the leadership of Bandmaster J. O'Leary, as there will be each day of the celebration. Even the all-year-around residents were given a treat this afternoon when the Highland Coast Guard gave a demonstration to several thousand on the working of the breeches buoy. Seldom do the townfolks have the opportunity of watching life saving unless they brave the cold and make their way to some wrecked vessel.

E. B. Andrews, officer in charge of the station, made a perfect shot of 90 yards to "rescue" A. R. Silva, surfman of the station. This is to be repeated each day, a feature of the program.

Floats

Every truck in town and many from Truro, have been chartered for the floats which the various organizations and clubs are entering in the parade today. It will be reviewed by David I. Walsh, Congressman Charles L. Gifford and a representative of Governor Fuller.

Ample provision for handling the traffic today and the even greater crowd of automobiles expected tomorrow has been made by the committee in charge of the celebration, and by Chief of Police John C. Williams, who not only has the six members of the force directing traffic, but also the five constables. Ten State police officers, under Sergeant Harold McFarland of the Middleboro troop, have come from the various Cape troops to assist.