

# PROVINCETOWN FESTIVAL OPENS

Town Celebrates Its 200th  
Birthday—Governor's  
Day Today

## NOTED ARTISTS TO DECK PARADE CARS

(By staff correspondent of The Herald)  
PROVINCETOWN, Aug. 4—Little old Provincetown, first landfall of the Pilgrims and in these later days the summer home of schools of fish and of art, started today quietly to observe its 200th birthday.

Quaint old gray cottages in which artists live next door to "Portygee" fishermen are framed in colored bunting above and hollyhocks below. The narrow main street of the town is bright with colored summer dresses and busy with motor cars from many states. The tall shaft of the Pilgrim monument has been crowned all day with scores of persons on its lofty observation platform.

Provincetown, true to the old New England tradition, is observing its birthday simply and quietly. The plans are under the charge of a committee comprising Jesse D. Rogers, chairman; Hersey D. Taylor and Edwin D. Paine.

### IN NATURE OF REUNION

Today the three-day birthday party was more in the nature of a reunion than a festival. Old residents returned to hobnob with former neighbors and chat about the record catches of fish that used to be brought into the harbor.

The artists are availing themselves of the influx of visitors to place their pictures on display everywhere. Hardly a store that has not one or two paintings in the window, and some garden walls have become outdoor picture galleries. The subjects the artists have selected for display vary from portraits of local fishermen to masses of brilliant color which might represent almost anything.

The U. S. S. Arkansas, under the command of Admiral Robertson, came to anchor in the sand girt harbor here this morning. During the afternoon a band from the battleship gave a concert in the shade of the trees on the lawn of the city hall. Landing boats every hour carry scores of visitors out to the vessel. Tonight more than 1000 bluejackets are walking about the town on shore leave while the ship's officers are being entertained at the Provincetown Inn.

### ARRIVAL OF STEAMER

The steamer Dorothy Bradford, with 700 passengers on board, arrived at 1:30 o'clock today after a smooth passage of four hours over the calmest of summer seas. The majority of the passengers returned to Boston on the boat after a visit of several hours.

Tomorrow will be Governor's day. Historical exercises at the town hall will follow a parade in which more than 30 floats, arrayed by famous artists will appear. The parade will start at 2 o'clock and the Boston boat will not sail until it is completed.

Tonight more than 30 of this year's graduates of the Provincetown grammar schools glibly recited many historical facts about the town from the steps of the town hall. Miss Katherine I. MacIntyre, a teacher at the school, prepared the speeches and coached the pupils, Katherine Veara led the speaking by asking questions from "The Book of Memory." Other pupils told of the Pilgrims, the Indians, wrecks and noted ships that have harbored here.

The Pilgrim monument tonight is illuminated by electric lights in the form of the dates 1620, 1727 and 1927.



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