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A SALUTE TO

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DURING IT'S

300TH ANNIVERSARY

Thursday - Friday - Saturday and Sunday

June 22 - 23 - 24 - 25

Marathon, Field Events Spark Mendon Sports Program

PLENTY OF MUSCLE was needed to pump the Niagara hand tub of Upton during firemen's muster in Mendon Saturday. The 121-year-old pump managed a fourth place in the event. Winner was the Hancock Brigade of Ashburnham which managed to shoot a stream of water 162 fe Muster was one of many events in the town over the wee end. (Daily News Photo)

Throngs At Mendon Parade

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an added attraction as they darted in and out of the crowd along the route.

The town of Mendon has never seen such a sea of faces.

Mendon's population of 2,310 was increased by 40 times before the day ended.

In only minutes after the last parade unit arrived at the finish line, the rains came. It was a downpour to equal all downpours, and had it come earlier would definitely have ended the parade, or at least turned it into a water ballet.

However the weather cleared in time for the evening band concert and spectacular fireworks display viewed by thousands at Lakeview Park and from roads all around the lake.

A strange sight in the crowd were the clean faces of many of Mendon brothers of the brush who took advantage of the break in activities to shave their six-month growth *facial hair. Many of them* remained unidentified to townspeople who had become accustomed to their bearded faces

Keystone Cops

Getting back to the parade, the biggest applause was given to the Mendon Brothers of the Brush, who have worked since January to make the celebration a success.

They were led by their police unit, the Keystone Cops, who were on the job even during the fun of the parade and were leading "prisoner" Harvey Rondeau dressed in traditional black and white stripes and with an iron chain and ball on his leg.

The Daughters of the Pioneers wore dresses and costumes styled to represent the different eras of a fashion from the time of the Pilgrims with their dark dresses and white bonnets, and through the flappers of the 20s to the miniskirted fashions of today.

A one old-timer who has lived in Mendon all his life said "The Centennial is over, but its going to be a long time before the town sees a parade like this."

A colorful spectacle was provided by the Red Men marching unit of Southbridge who broke loose through the crowd shouting war cries and frightening children.

Seated in the reviewing stand with selectmen were State Rep. Nathan Rosenfeld of Milford, Leo Kenny of Uxbridge, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Gould of Millville, Maj. and Mrs. Wayne Wagner, Master of Ceremonies David Atkinson and parade Grand Marshal Maj. Bruce Thomas.

Local clergymen, the Rev. Gregoire Ratte of St. Michaels Church and Rev. Henry G. Cooper of the Unitarian Church, also joined the official centennial greeter Elmer Nelson and Mrs. Nelson and Town Clerk Mrs. Emily Coleman on the stand.

The spectators were entertained by parade participants, especially the Barbershop quartet groups from Franklin and Worcester.

The Gemini 8 Square Dance float of Upton was a temporary casualty. About three quarters of the way through, the truck carrying the float, overheated. It was pushed to the side of the road, repaired and re - entered the line of march about 45 minutes later.

Bloomer Girls

Other entertainment came from the Bloomer Girls of Upton and the various square dancing groups dressed in costume and dancing on floats.

All the youngsters among the spectators were excited by several floats that appeared in their behalf. The first was the Bat Boat, but their reaction was even more enthusiastic, when "Popsie" appeared.

Popsie is a two - year - old elephant. He was entered by the Southwick Wild Animal Farm of Mendon.

Applause from the audience was loud and responsive to the different units of drum and bugle corps and to bands from schools in the area that added color, precision and music to the parade.

The two-hour event ended with the units of ox - driven carts, horse - drawn wagons, and stage coaches.

"I'm so proud of the town and the work they did for the parade" said Louis P. Bertonazzi chairman of the Milford selectmen. "If we weren't just as proud of our town, we'd consider going back to our mother town of Mendon" he said.

Saturday's Events

Saturday, the third day of the celebration was busy with a sports program in the morning and in the afternoon Arts and Crafts exhibit at the Center School viewed by hundreds.

At 2 p.m. firemen from as far away as Marblehead competed in old fashion firemen's muster. Four hand tubs competed with the Hancock

Brigade of Ashburnham shooting a steam of water 162 feet to take first place. Second place was captured by the Torrent company of Southboro and third went to Gerry no. 5 of Marblehead. Finishing last was Niagara no. 2 of Upton.

Afternoon was the time for visitors and residents to tour homes, historical sites and buildings of yester year. The home of Dr. and Mrs. Ronald Lukert of North avenue was viewed with many of the original fixtures being restored by the owners. The Morrison home and bootery, the home of Mr. and Mrs. Gomez and Wild Acres owned by Mr. and Mrs. B. Chaleki were also viewed with many antiques and original furnishings seen. The modern home of Dr. and Mrs. LeMarbe was also open to the public.

In the evening a gala banquet was held at the Lakeview ballroom with over 900 attending. Jacob Oppewal of Whitinsville was master of ceremonies and he reminised of the good old days spent in Mendon.

Henry Clough, general committee chairman received sustained applause as he was introduced.

Philbin Speaks

Members of the head table were introduced as follows, Congressmen Philip J. Philbin, the main speaker; Rep. and Mrs. Leo Kenney, Rep and Mrs. Harold Gould Jr., Selectman and Mrs. Kenneth Taylor, Selectman and Mrs. Theodore E. Giatas, Selectman and Mrs. Arthur Wiersma, Master of ceremonies and Mrs. Jacob Oppewal, Banquet Chairman and Mrs. Frank Dudley, Anniversary Booklet Chairman and Mrs. Gerard Sweeney, Mendon Historical society president Peter Hackett of Northbridge, General Chairman and Mrs. Henry Clough, Senator and Mrs. James Kelley, Rev. Gregoire Ratte, Rev. and Mrs. Henry Cooper, Pres. of the daughters of the Pioneers, Mrs. John Hogarth and husband, and President of the brush and Mrs. Elden Barrows.

Commemorative coins were presented to guests. Russell Dudley read the proclamation, proclaiming Mendon week June 18-25. Telegrams of congratulations were read from Senator Edward M. Brooke, Senator Edward Kennedy and Congressmen Robert Taft of Ohio.

Miss Janet Vear and Bob Narducci provided music for the evening.

Trophies, Ribbons Awarded To Winners

(Photo On Sports Page)

MENDON — Finishing first in the 300th anniversary marathon road race was Thomas Derderian of Milford. He finished the 4½ mile race in 24 minutes and 25 seconds. Paul LeMarbe of Hopedale street, Mendon captured the second spot.

After crossing the finish line he suffered heart exhaustion and fatigue. He is the son of Dr. Albert LeMarbe who was on hand to aid his son. Members of the Fire department were on hand to administer oxygen.

Third place went to Harry Miller of Hopedale.

Only six of the original 15 entrants crossed the finish line at the Center School, North avenue. Other runners were Saureen Alexanian, Mark D'Arcangelo and Thomas Coutu.

Trophies and ribbons were awarded to a large group of children from age 6 to 15, Saturday at the 300th anniversary field day program. Winners are as follows.

Sack Race, Girls age 8 - 9 Virginia Carlson, first place; Deborah Feccia, Linda Hoggarth and Patricia Callahan. Age 10 - 11, Mary Wojnowski, first place; Bonnie Bouchard, Mary Gallant and Pat Morgan. Age 6-7 Valencia Cousineau, first place; Donna Hogdon, Janice Kinsley, Tara Hensel. Age 12-13 Paula Grant, first place Denise Phelps, Helena Vander — Linde and Patricia Hazard.

Boys age 6 - 7 John Burns, first place; Chris Cousineau, David Daige, Mark Morton. Age 8 - 9 Scott Waite, first place; Eric Crane, Michael Brogan, and Kenneth LeBlanc. Age 10-11 Peter Leone, first place; Brian Johnson, Kris Lukert and Tom Richard.

75 - yard dash Girls age 10-11 Sarah Winn, first place; Mary Hackenson, Holly Lapworth and Heidi Taylor. Age 14 - 15 Vicki Bouchard, first place; Kathy Wagner, Ann Lamothe and Kathy Stevens.

Boys age 8 - 9 Mike Smith, first place; Raymond Rondeau and Brian Bouchard. Age 12-13 Loring Eiland, first place, Mike Cousineau, Joe DeLuca and Alfred Auty.

Standing Broad Jump, Girls age 6 - 7 Kindra Guerra, first place; Marcia Paddock and Sandra Thomas. Age 8 - 9 Cheryl Bonda, first place; Darlene Randor, Debra Byrne and Sally Davenport. Age 10 - 11 Brenda Carlson, first place; Linda Johnson, Debra Grant and Mary Ann Hoggarth. Age 12 - 13 Linda Jennings, first place; Paula Grant, Debra Grant and Pat Hoggarth.

Boys age 6 - 7 Ernest Thomas first place; Robert Callery Paul Adams and Steven DeLuca. Age 8 - 9 Allan Byrne, first place; Anthony Ferrara and Gilbert Powell. Age 10-11 Ed Mark Leone, first place; Mike Brogan, David Parker and Anthony Ferrara. Age 10 - 11, Tom Hodgson, first place; David Bing, Robert Grant and Robert Klein. Age 12 - 13 Ernest Miller, first place; Mark Neally, Paul Comolli, and Robert Loring. Age 14 - 15 Tom Pezzella, first place; Russell Johnson and Warren Taft.

20 - yard dash boys age 6 -7 Camaron Eiland, first place; Robert Pezzella, Michael Leoncini and Reese Rhodes. Girls age 8 - 9 Deborah Barnes, first place; Cathy Neally, Nancy Hackenson and Milly Mitchell.

100 - yard dash — Girls age 12 - 13 Ann Morgan, first place; Carol Slavin, Linda Jennings, and Sandra Snay.

Wheelbarrow girls age 10 - 11 Linda Parker, and Mary Wojnowski, first place; Debbie Daige and Bonnie Bouchard and Susan Mattson and Cheryl Morton.

Jacks, girls age 10 - 11, Sarah Winn, first place and Debra Grant, second.

15 - yard dash — Girls age 6 - 7 Susan Tetreault, first place Susan Feccia, Mary Morgan, and Judy Neil.

50 - yard run girls age 8 -9 Cathy Neally, first place; Cheryl Bonda, Nancy Hackenson and Susan Gardner. Age 12 - 13 Carol Slavin, first place; Sharon Lamothe and Patricia Hazard.

Boys age 10 - 11 Dana Eiland, first place; Robert Klein, Tom Grant and Thomas Hodgson.

Soccer Kick — Girls age 6 -7 Susan Barnes, first place; Nancy Morin, Deborah Miller and Nancy Thompson. Age - 9, Debra Byrne, first place; Carolyn Wiersma, Virginia Carlson and Deborah Davenport. Age 10 - 11 Cynthia Gerard, first place; Linda Johnson, Mary Hackenson and Ann Brogan.

Age 12 - 13 Cathy Smith, first place; Ann Mespelli, Sharon Lamothe and Gloria Roy. Age 14-15 Pat Roy, first place; Ann

Three legged race — Girls age 6 - 7 Debrah Leclaire and Susan Tetreault, Tara Hensel and Kindra Guerra, Susan Feccia and Jody Byrne and Jane Varney and Diane Phipps. Age 12 - 13 Ann Morgan and Ann Wojnowki, first place; Sandra Sany and Carol Slavin, Gale Wood and Donna Richard and Kathy Dudley and Denise Phelps. Age 14 - 15 Vickie Bouchard and Kathy Wagner, first place; Mary Irons and Ann Marie Lamothe and Linda Snay and Pat Roy.

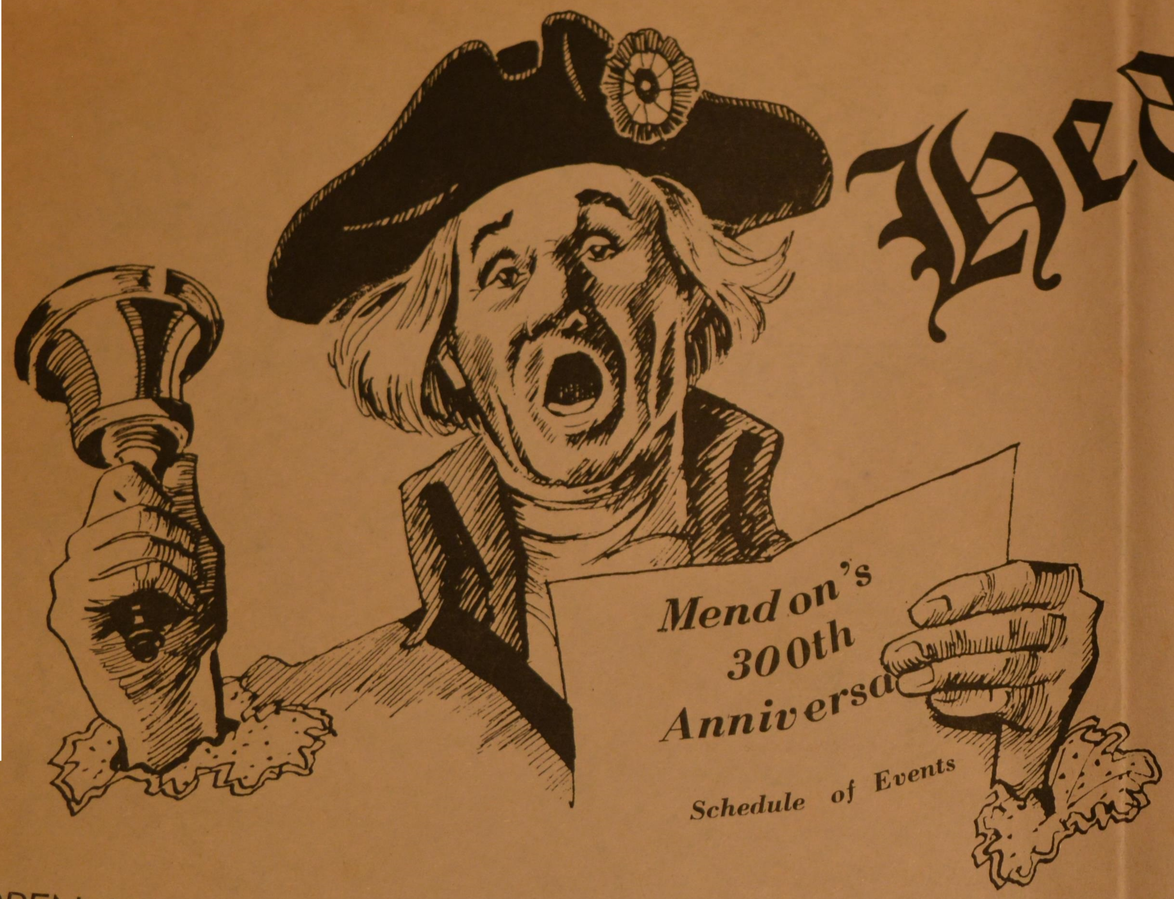
Boys age 10 - 11 Peter Thompson and Kris Lukert, first place; Michael Jackson and Dana Diana, Tom Grant and Donald Ferrucci and Scott McTurk and Robert Desmarais.

Kangaroo race — Girls age 6 - 1 Leslie Grant , first place; Donna Blair, Debbie Diana and Debbie Leclaire. Age 8 - 9 Carol Richard, first place; Pat Gadboi Donna Morin and Linda Cousineau. Age 10 - 11 Mary Gallant, first place; Susan Mattson, Linda Callahan and Andrea Hogarth.

Boys age 6- 7 John Burns, Trudy Leclaire, Linda Parker, and Shirley Magliocca.

Foul shooting — Boys age 12-13 Stanley Chapin, first place; Ernest Miller, Paul Comolli and Gary Smith. Age 10 - 11 Douglas Coburn, first place; Peter Leone, Edward Blair.

100 - yard run Boys age 10-11 Dana Eiland, first place; Edward Kinsley, Philip Guerra, and Gary Good.



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GAMES

TOURS

PRIZES

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FIREWORKS

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PARADE

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CELEBRATION

4 BIG CELEBRATION DAYS

Thursday - Friday - Sat. and Sun. June 22 - 23 - 24 - 25

★★ THURSDAY ★★
June 22, 1967

8:00 P. M.

First Presentation of HISTORICAL PAGEANT — Nipmuc Regional High School Auditorium

★★★ FRIDAY ★★★
June 23, 1967

7:00 P. M.

Second Presentation of HISTORICAL PAGEANT— Nipmuc Regional High School Auditorium

7:30 - 11:30 P. M.

YOUNG PEOPLE'S DANCE — Lakeview Park Ballroom

Schedule Of Events

★★★ SATURDAY ★★★
June 24, 1967

10:00 A. M. - 5:00 P. M.

OPEN HOUSE at:
Baptist Church, Main Street; Chestnut Hill Meeting House, Millville Street; St. Michael's Church, North Avenue; Unitarian Church, Maple Street; Mendon Center School, Arts and Crafts Exhibit, North Avenue; Mendon Historical Society Museum, Main Street; Taft Public Library, Main Street.

9:00 A. M. - 12:00

SPORTS PROGRAM, Mendon Center School Grounds:
(1) Long Distance Cross Country Run (open to residents of Mendon, Bellingham, Blackstone, Hopedale, Milford, Millville, Northbridge, Upton and Uxbridge.
(2) Field Day events for boys and girls of Mendon.

1:00 - 5:00 P. M.

HOUSE AND HISTORICAL SITES TOUR, Headquarters at Mendon Town Hall, Main Street.

2:00 P. M.

FIREMEN'S MUSTER, Mendon Center School Grounds — Participants: Ashburnham, Southborough, Upton, Westminister, Woodville.

6:00 P. M.

TERCENTENARY BANQUET, Lakeview Park Ballroom.

★★★ SUNDAY ★★★
June 25, 1967

MORNING SERVICES AT LOCAL CHURCHES

11:00 A. M.

ECUMENICAL RELIGIOUS SERVICE —
Bishop Bernard Flanagan, Diocese of Worcester.
Dr. Howard Ferrin, Chancellor of Barrington College, Nipmuc Regional High School.

2:00 P. M.

TERCENTENARY PARADE
Lakeview Park to Mendon Center School

8:00 P. M.

BAND CONCERT — Lakeview Park
Framingham - Milford Band

10:00 P. M.

FIREWORKS Lakeview Park

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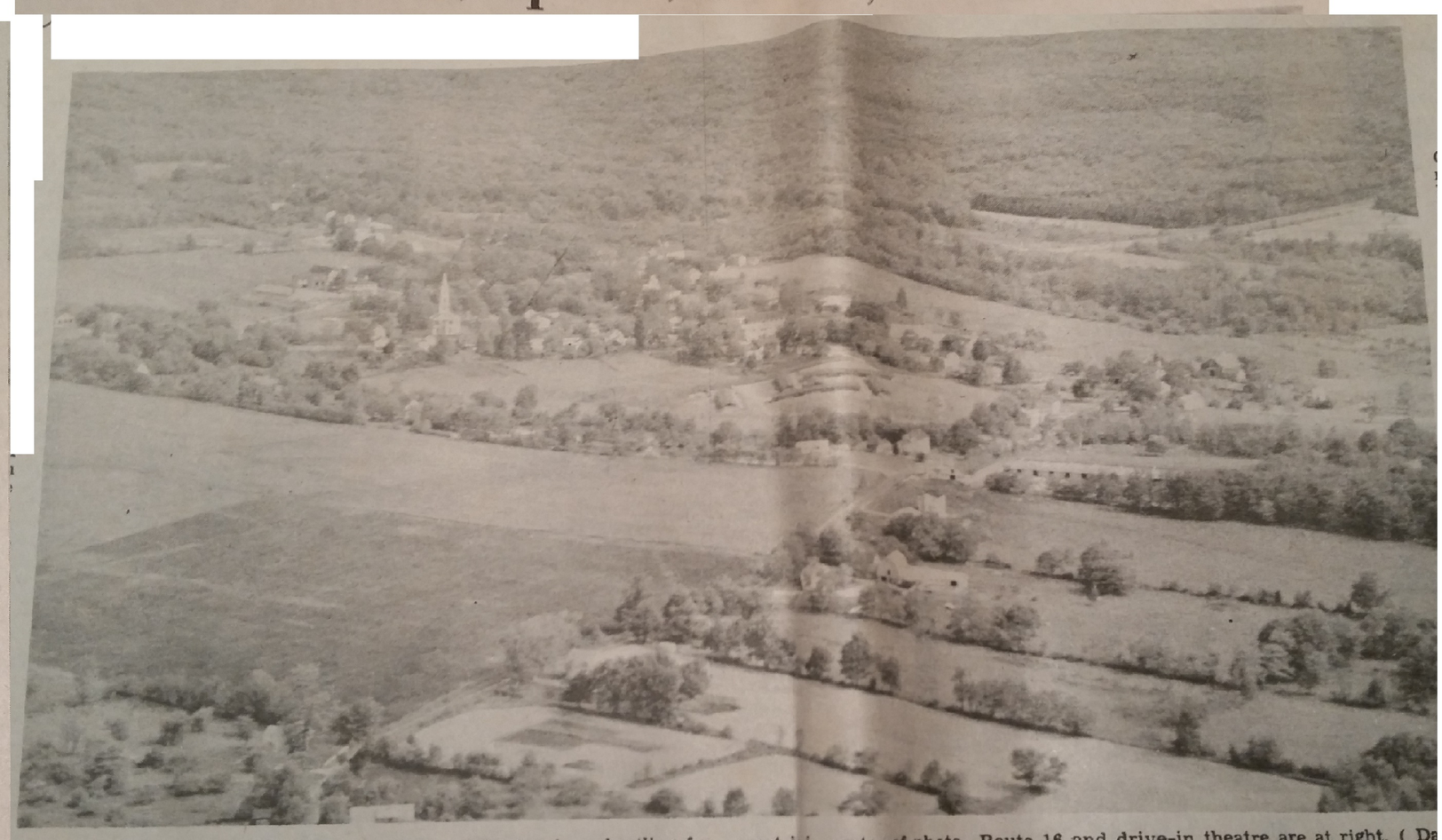

AERIAL VIEW OF MENDON belies fact that activity has been bustling for months with celebration plans and programs for 300th anniversary. Unitarian Church steeple rises at left, center, and housing for the elderly project is in center of photo. Route 16 and drive-in theatre are at right. (Da News Photo by Ted Rose — Plane Piloted by Stanley Gardner)

$1,000 In Fireworks Planned

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Twenty-two units of the Interstate Emergency Rescue Inc. of Worcester will assist with communications, stationed at various points along the route. All regular and civil defense officers will have full police powers in town Sunday afternoon. Townspeople and visitors are requested to co-operate to the fullest.

Parking Problem

Parking of cars presents a problem and all townspeople in the vicinty of the parade route are asked to leave cars at home. Parade participants will park at the Center School and the Milford drive -in. Others will be allowed to park at the drive-in and the Draper Corporation foundry parking lot. A shuttle bus service will be provided.

Traffic will be detoured to the following streets during the parade. North and West bound traffic will be detoured up Northbridge road, Blackstone via Blackstone street, South bound via Providence street, Uxbridge via Millville, Pleasant street and Rock Meadow road.

A parking ban will be in effect with no parking allowed on either sides of Thornton street, Taft avenue, Hartford avenue West, Washington street, North avenue up to Northbridge street, Northbridge street to Washington street, all of route 16 including Main to George street. No parking on the south side of Maple street, the east side of Elm, Emerson and Millville street.

Reviewing Stand

A reviewing stand will be erected at the Island, corner of Route 16 and Millville street. Some 50 dignataries, guest and visitors will be seated on the stand. Parade officials Edward Lamoth, Richard Varney and Thomas Hackenson have worked months on the preparations for the largest event of the 3-day celebration, which will be held rain or shine.

Pageant

A Tercentennial Pageant will kick-off Mendon's 300th anniversary celebration Thursday night at 8 at the Nipmuc Regional High Auditorium and a second performance will be held Friday night at 7 at the high school.

History will be highlighted in eight one-act scenes and a crowd of 300 is expected for each performance. School children, residents and members of the "bearded" association will participate in the program. Henry Clough will direct the pageant and a choral group of 20 will sing selections under the direction of Donald Thatcher. Mrs. Marsha Kearsley Ledoux will be the accompanist.

Teenage Dance

The Section Five band of Worcester will be featured at the 300th anniversary young people's dance scheduled for Friday night from 7.30 to 11.30 at the Lakeview ballroom. During intermission records will be played by David Atkinson. The dance is open to Mendon teenagers who may invite two guests each. Arthur Johnson is chairman.

Sports Program

A sports program for Mendon youth from 6 to 15 years old will be featured Saturday morning from 9 a.m. until noon at the Center School, North avenue. Various field day events will be held with 86 trophies being awarded for first place winners and ribbons awarded to second, third and fourth place winners. Children are eligible to participate in two events and must have entry forms signed by parents.

Children not attending school can enter that morning and must be at the School by 8.45 a.m. to sign up.

In connection with the sports program, there will be a 4½ mile marathon, starting at the corner of Hartford avenue and Route 140 at 11.45 a.m. Saturday ane ending at the Center School on North avenue. Up to today, there were 14 entries,. The deadline is Friday and the committee hopes that more will signup. Three handsome trophies are being offered to the first three to finish.

Tour Of Homes

From 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, there will be a tour of historical sites. Houses will be visited from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. and that of Dr. and Mrs. Ronald Lukert, built about 1723 by Capt. William Torrey, and originally a salt-box house.

The Lukerts have completely restored the dwelling and it is one of the most interesting Mendon dwellings to be included in the town's historical tour.

The town hall will be the starting point and tickets and other information can be secured there. It is not known how many homes will be open for full public inspection.

SERVING AS USHERETTES and ushers for the Mendon Tercentennial Banquet Saturday night at Lakeview Ballroom are, seated, front, Elsie Vander Lindi, left, and Susan Martini, right. Second row, from left, Maureen Lavergne, Ann Wiersma, Donna Drake, Linda Smith, Sharon Taylor and Carolyn Sears. Ushers, from left, Russell Dudley, Harris Loring, III, Eugene Pettinelli and Keith Lion. Absent are Cheryl Wood and Martha Sweeney. (Daily News Photo)

THE MENDON HISTORICAL SOCIETY is deeply involved in the Mendon celebration. Peter Hackett, president, is shown with two members of the committee planning a tour of homes in the town. They are Miss Jane Coleman, center, curator of the museum, and Mrs. A. Sumner Coleman, secretary. (Daily News Photo)

Art Display

A large display of paintings, hand made crafts and hobbies will be on view at the Arts and Crafts exhibit Saturday morning from 10 a.m. to 5p.m. at the Center School, North avenue.

Refreshments will be available and daughters of the iPoneers in full costume, will assist in serving at the exhibit. Mrs. Doris Cox of George street heads the exhibit committee.

Muster

Hand tubs from as far away as Marblehead will compete in a Firemen's Muster Saturday at 2 p.m. at the Center School, North avenue.

Torrent No. I and Union No. I of Southboro, Hancock V.S.A. of Ashburnham, Niagara No. 2 of Upton and Gerry No. 5 of Marblehead will be competing in the contest. Linwood Lowell Mendon Fire Chief will be in charge of the event.

Congressmen Philip J. Philbin will be the main speaker at the Tercentennial Banquet Saturday night at the Lakeview ballroom at 6.30 p.m.

Some 900 residents, former residents and guests are expected to attend. Dancing will be held from 9.30 to 12 p.m. Frank Dudley, banquet chairman has only 30 tickets left.

Other committee members include Benjamin Barnes, Shirley Barnes, Vernon Barrows, Elea nor Broome, Walter Butler, Americo Candela, Godfrey Davenport, Anne Drew, Geneva Dudley, Felice Farland, Charles Leonard, Lucille Martin, Elmer Nelson, Edwin O'Grady, John Quirk, Arthur Sabatinelli, H. William Thatcher, Stanly Tuttle, Mrs. Kenneth Taylor, Mrs. Herbert Wood, and Mrs. Thomas Perna.

Ecumenical Service

A 300th anniversary Ecumenical Service will be held Sunday morning at 11 at the Nipmuc Regional High School. The service will be held outdoors, or in the school auditorium if the weather is bad.

This is a combined service with all three local churches participating. Sermons will be delivered by Dr. Howard Ferrin, Chancellor Emeritus at Barrington College, Barrington R.I. and Bishop Bernard J. Flanagan of the Worcester Diocese.

Rev. Henry Cooper of the Unitarian Church will give the invocation. Leonard Rogers of the Baptist Church and Kenneth Morgan of St. Michael's will offer a prayer for christian unity.

Benediction will be given by Rev. Lawrence Selfridge who will represent the Baptist Church. Henry P. Clough is chairman of the ecumenical service committee.

Fireworks Concert

A band concert and large display of aerial fireworks will conclude the 300th anniversary celebration Sunday night. The band concert will be held at Lakeview park from 8 to 10 p. m. featuring the Framingham-Milford Band. At 10 p.m. a $1,000 display of fireworks will be set off on the beach at the park. Richard L. Childs is in charge of both events.

Friday 29,606 CALLS Were Bought and Read

THE WOONSOCKET

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WOONSOCKET, R. I., SATURDAY, JUNE 24, 1967

Parade Line Of March Listed

Four Events Will Climax Mendon Anniversary Rites

By SAMUEL S. REYNOLDS

MENDON — An ecumenical service . . . a three-hour parade with 111 units in the line of march . . . a band concert . . . a $1,000 fireworks display.

These will climax the town's 300th anniversary celebration tomorrow, with approximately 40,000 expected to pour into the community to join in the tercentenary observance.

Final activities in the three-day celebration will begin at 11 a.m. when an ecumenical service is conducted at Nipmuc Regional High School. All members of the local clergy will take part.

The Rev. Dr. Howard Ferrin, chancellor emeritus of Barrington (R. I.) College, and the Most Rev. Bernard J. Flanagan, bishop of the Worcester diocese, will speak at the service. Music will be provided by a special adult ecumenical chorus under the direction of Donald Thatcher.

Mrs. Theodore LeDoux will be accompanist.

The huge anniversary parade will start forming at Lakeview Park at 1 o'clock and step off an hour later. The marchers will proceed down Route 16 and pass the review stand at Millville Street.

Special detours will be set up around the parade, and Police Chief Raymond Rogers has advised visitors to follow directions from about 100 policemen on duty from area towns.

Virtually the entire route the parade will travel has been closed to parking. However, bus service will be in operation from the Draper Corp. foundry parking lot in Hopedale and from the Milford Drive-In Theatre.

The Milford and Framingham Brass Band will present a concert at Lakeview Park starting at 8 p.m., and the celebration will close at 10 p.m. with a fireworks display at the park.

Leading the parade will be Maj. Bruce Thomas, grand marshal, followed by the state police, the Mendon Police Department and John F. X. Davoren of Milford, speaker of the House of Representatives. Selectmen from Mendon, Hopedale, Milford, Upton, Northbridge, Uxbridge, Millville, Blackstone and Bellingham will ride in open cars, followed by senior citizens also traveling in open cars.

Next will come a color guard unit from Hanscom Field, the Nipmuc Regional High School band, a Nipmuc Regional Teachers' Association float Mendon High School Alumni Association float, Mendon Brothers of the Brush Association float, a parade of fashions by the Daughters of the Pioneers, an old-fashioned baby carriage displayed by the Daughters of the Pioneers, the Nipmuc Tribe Band, the Order of Redmen from Southbridge, the Red Men marching unit and the Red Men float.

Fire apparatus representing the towns of Mendon, Hopedale, Milford, Upton, Northbridge, Uxbridge, Millville, Blackstone and Bellingham will follow, trailed by a color guard from the Marshall-Leland Post, American Legion of Upton, the Mar-Less Drill Team of Upton, the Mendon-Upton Elementary School band, a color guard unit from the Delisle-Goulet Post, American Legion of Grafton, a float sponsored by the Upton Bloomer Girls, an antique fire truck from the South Worcester County Voiture, 40/8; a float sponsored by the N.E.F.C.A. Marathon Campers Chapter, of Hopkinton, a color guard unit from the Upton V.F.W. Post, and the Whirley-Ettes Drum and Baton Corps from Pascoag.

Also, Boy Scouts from Upton's Troop 132, a float sponsored by the Gemini Eights Square Dance Club, the Franklin Junior High School Band, a float sponsored by the Franklin Barber Shoppers singing group, an antique auto sponsored by Mr. and Mrs. Wesley Rogers, a color guard unit from Hopedale's Walter H. Tillotson American Legion Post, the Hopedale Junior-Senior High

Mendon Celebration Events

TONIGHT

6:30 p.m. Anniversary banquet at Lakeview Ballroom, with dancing from 9:30 to midnight.

TOMORROW

11 a.m. Ecumenical service at Nipmuc Regional High School.

2 p.m. Anniversary parade starting at Lakeview Park and continuing down Route 16, containing 111 units and lasting approximately three hours.

8 p.m. Concert by Milford and Framingham Brass Band at Lakeview Ballroom.

10 p.m. Fireworks display at Lakeview Park.

They'll Parade In Mendon Whatever The Weather

MENDON — Rain or shine tomorrow, the parade will go on starting at 2 p.m. Henry Clough, general chairman of the 300th anniversary committee, has announced the only feature of the day which could be spoiled by inclement weather is the finale.

The concert in Lakeview Park by the Milford and Framingham Brass Band, starting at 8 p.m., could be canceled by inclement weather, and the fireworks, scheduled to be touched off at 10, could be postponed until the first clear night if tomorrow evening is rainy.

A few late entries have been entered in the parade. Among these are the Bat Boat used in a recent Batman film, and the WBZ $14,000 Beach Buggie to be manned by disc jockey Bruce Bradley.

The wagons, antique vehicles, and other items which might break down and thereby disrupt the progress of the parade have been moved to the end of the line of march.

Nipmuc Regional high school auditorium was filled to overflowing again last night for the final presentation of the historical pageant. The young members of the cast were dismissed before the final curtain call so that they could attend the dance at Lakeview Park.

Reunions of the Taft and Aldrich families tomorrow will be held in conjunction with the Tercentenary celebration.

Also, Nipmuc Marine float followed by a color guard and marching unit from the Hopedale VFW Post, the 18th Army Band from Fort Devens, a Hopedale Union Church float, a float by landscaper Richard Bethel, an antique auto sponsored by Radio Station WMRC of Milford, an antique auto from the Antick-ers of Milford, a color guard and marching unit from Milford's Sgt. John W. Powers Post, American Legion, the Milford High School Band, Miss Massachusetts, sponsored by the Milford Chamber of Commerce, a float entered by Mendon's Cub Scout Pack, followed by the pack.

Also, the fun vehicle from the Oxford American Legion Post, a float sponsored by the West-

boro Brothers of the Brush, the Millis Knightmen Drum and Bugle Corps, baton twirlers from Palm Dance Studio of Milford, a Mendon Grange float, a trolley car, sponsored by Mass. Electric Co., about 30 antique autos from the Model A Restorers Club of Massachusetts, a color guard unit from Northbridge's Oliver - Ashton Post, American Legion, the Valley-Airs Drum and Bugle Corps from Northbridge, and a color guard and marching unit from Spencer's Gaudette-Kirk American Legion Post.

Also, floats from the Mendon Unitarian Church and Sutton Country Squares, the Blazers Band of Framingham, a float from the town of Northbridge, an antique fire engine from the King Phillip DeMolay, an antique auto and tricycle sponsored by Dr. Ronald A. Lukert, a color guard and marching unit from Uxbridge's Charles A. Rice Post, American Legion, the Commonwealth Fife and Drum Corps, sponsored by the town of Uxbridge; a float representing the Uxbridge Odd Fellows and Rebekahs, a float from the Sons of the Pioneers and a color guard and marching unit from Uxbridge's Walter F. Wesgan Polish American War Veterans.

Also, the Capt. James Buxton Fifes and Drums of Uxbridge sponsored by the Uxbridge Progressive Club; a float from the Progressive Club, an antique oil truck entered by F. Frabotta and Sons of North Uxbridge; a float from the 11/27 Radio Club of Millis, the Framingham and Milford Musicians Band, a color guard and marching unit from Bellingham's Arnold Spencer Post American Legion, the Bellingham Memorial Junior-Senior High School Band, floats from the Hubbardston Brothers of the Brush and Belles and the brothers' Kangaroo Court, the Clan MacPhearson Bagpipe Band from Lawrence, and a float representing Tri-City Council of the United States Commercial Travelers of America.

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Also, the Mendon-Upton Junior High School Band, a color guard from Manchaug's John Mateychuk Post, American Legion, the Massachusetts Lancers, sponsored by the Milford Chamber of Commerce; a float, and ox cart entered by the Taft Family Association; an ox cart sponsored by Clayton Parkinson, a Conestoga wagon sponsored by the Daughters of the Pioneers, two horse express wagons by Walter Beal, and a horse-drawn buggy entered by the First Baptist Church.

Concluding the parade will be a four-wheeled pony cart entered by Scott Ahearn Inc. of Milford, mounted horses entered by Mr. and Mrs. Richard Ferrucci, Everett Jackson of Milford, and Miss Alice Killian of Mendon, an ox-drawn wagon entered by Clarence Bagley of Mendon, and a horse and buggy entered by the Daughters of the Pioneers.

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40,000 Line Parade Route In Mendon

WHAT'S HE WATCHING? — You'll see if you turn to the inside pages of today's paper. It's the gala celebration of Mendon's 300th anniversary. (Daily News Photo)

Weather Is Ideal

By LOUISE WHEELER

MENDON — Upwards of 40,000 spectators, many from out of state, lined the parade route for Mendon's 300th anniversary parade yesterday afternoon in ideal weather.

The efforts of long planning paid off as the parade went off with few hitches, lasting more than two hours, a bit less than had been estimated. People began flocking into town early, with some taking up positions at 7 a.m., others arriving in trailers and setting up benches and tents in fields along the route.

Buses were used to bring people in from Hopedale and also from outlying parking areas such as the Milford Drive - In Theatre. This aided the traffic problem greatly. Upwards of 2,000 cars were kept out of town by this method.

123 Units

Every available parking spot within walking distance of the parade route was taken. Cars on George street were parked on both sides almost to the Hopedale line.

Large units began forming at Lakeview park on the shores of Lake Nipmuc at noon, with individuals and small groups arriving even before that. They marched along route 16, two miles to the Center School on North avenue.

A total of 123 units including floats, drill teams, bands and color guards, antique vehicles, fire equipment, Redmen in war paint, soliders, marching units bugle corps, cub scouts, boy scouts, girl scouts, drum corps, ox drawn wagons, horseback riders and horse drawn wagons

Many spectators brought picnic lunches, blankets and chairs to await the line of march. The largest crowd congregated at Lowell's, near the center of town, with people ten rows deep

This was a special day for children as they viewed Topsy, a baby elephant, from the South wick Animal farm. Another treat was the bat - boat entered by Nipmuc Marine.

Rains Late

The Mendham Brush float received much applause. It represented an old - fashioned beer tavern. Westboro brothers of the brush and their Indians were

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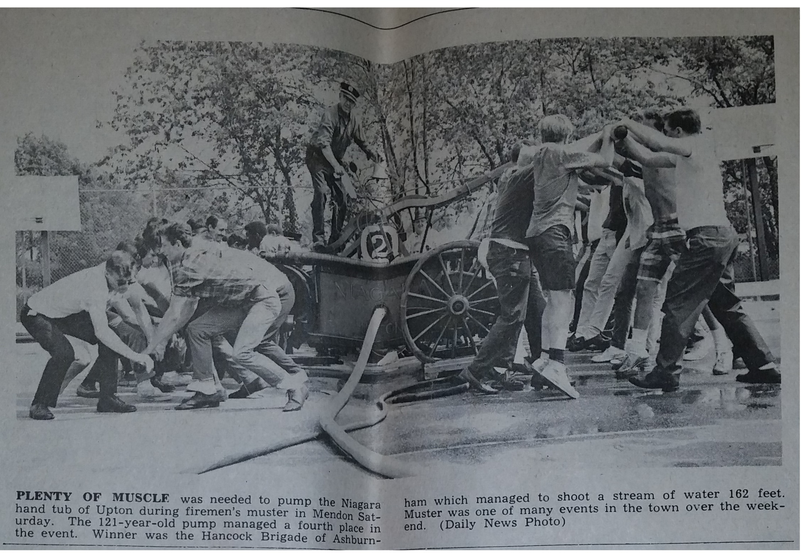
MENDON EVENTS over the weekend included the anniversary dinner Saturday night and Ecumenical church service Sunday morning. Cong. Phillip Philbin, top photo, was the main speaker at the dinner, attended by 900 persons at Lakeview Ballroom. Church servi ice, bottom, took place outdoors behind the Nipmuc Regional High School, attended by 200 (Daily News Photo)



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Throngs At Mendon Parade

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The town of Mendon has never seen such a sea of faces.

Mendon's population of 2,310 was increased by 40 times before the day ended.

In only minutes after the last parade unit arrived at the finish line, the rains came. It was a downpour to equal all downpours, and had it come earlier would definitely have ended the parade, or at least turned it into a water ballet.

However the weather cleared in time for the evening band concert and spectacular fireworks display viewed by thousands at Lakeview Park and from roads all around the lake.

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Saturday's Events

Saturday, the third day of the celebration was busy with a sports program in the morning and in the afternoon Arts and Crafts exhibit at the Center School viewed by hundreds.

At 2 p.m. firemen from as far away as Marblehead competed in old fashion firemen's muster. Four hand tubs competed with the Hancock Brigade of Ashburnham shooting a steam of water 162 feet to take first place. Second place was captured by the Torrent company of Southboro and third went to Gerry no. 5 of Marblehead. Finishing last was Niagara no. 2 of Upton.

Afternoon was the time for visitors and residents to tour homes, historical sites and buildings of yester year. The home of Dr. and Mrs. Ronald Lukert of North avenue was viewed with many of the original fixtures being restored by the owners. The Morrison home and bootery, the home of Mr. and Mrs. Gomez and Wild Acres owned by Mr. and Mrs. B. Chaleki were also viewed with many antiques and original furnishings seen. The modern home of Dr. and Mrs. LeMarbe was also open to the public.

In the evening a gala banquet was held at the Lakeview ballroom with over 900 attending. Jacob Oppewal of Whitinsville was master of ceremonies and he reminised of the good old days spent in Mendon.

Henry Clough, general committee chairman received sustained applause as he was introduced.

Philbin Speaks

Members of the head table were introduced as follows, Congressmen Philip J. Philbin, the main speaker; Rep. and Mrs. Leo Kenney, Rep and Mrs. Harold Gould Jr., Selectman and Mrs. Kenneth Taylor, Selectman and Mrs. Theodore E. Giatas, Selectman and Mrs. Arthur Wiersma, Master of ceremonies and Mrs. Jacob Oppewal, Banquet Chairman and Mrs. Frank Dudley, Anniversary Booklet Chairman and Mrs. Gerard Sweeney, Mendon Historical society president Peter Hackett of Northbridge, General Chairman and Mrs. Henry Clough, Senator and Mrs. James Kelley, Rev. Gregoire Ratte, Rev. and Mrs. Henry Cooper, Pres. of the daughters of the Pioneers, Mrs. John Hogarth and husband, and President of the brush and Mrs. Elden Barrows.

Commemorative coins were presented to guests. Russell Dudley read the proclamation, proclaiming Mendon week June 18-25. Telegrams of congratulations were read from Senator Edward M. Brooke, Senator Edward Kennedy and Congressmen Robert Taft of Ohio.

Miss Janet Vear and Bob Narducci provided music for the evening.

ports Program

Trophies, Ribbons Awarded To Winners

(Photo On Sports Page)

MENDON — Finishing first in the 300th anniversary marathon road race was Thomas Derderian of Milford. He finished the 4½ mile race in 24 minutes and 25 seconds. Paul LeMarbe of Hopedale street, Mendon captured the second spot.

After crossing the finish line he suffered heart exhaustion and fatigue. He is the son of Dr. Albert LeMarbe who was on hand to aid his son. Members of the Fire department were on hand to administer oxygen.

Third place went to Harry Miller of Hopedale.

Only six of the original 15 entrants crossed the finish line at the Center School, North avenue. Other runners were Saureen Alexanian, Mark D'Arcangelo and Thomas Coutu.

Trophies and ribbons were awarded to a large group of children from age 6 to 15, Saturday at the 300th anniversary field day program. Winners are as follows.

Sack Race, Girls age 8 - 9 Virginia Carlson, first place; Deborah Feccia, Linda Hoggarth and Patricia Callahan. Age 10 - 11, Mary Wojnowski, first place; Bonnie Bouchard, Mary Gallant and Pat Morgan. Age 6-7 Valencia Cousineau, first place; Donna Hogdon, Janice Kinsley, Tara Hensel. Age 12-13 Paula Grant, first place Denise Phelps, Helena Vander — Linde and Patricia Hazard.

Boys age 6 - 7 John Burns, first place; Chris Cousineau, David Daige, Mark Morton. Age 8 - 9 Scott Waite, first place; Eric Crane, Michael Brogan, and Kenneth LeBlanc. Age 10-11 Peter Leone, first place; Brian Johnson, Kris Lukert and Tom Richard.

75 - yard dash Girls age 10-11 Sarah Winn, first place; Mary Hackenson, Holly Lapworth and Heidi Taylor. Age 14 - 15 Vicki Bouchard, first place; Kathy Wagner, Ann Lamothe and Kathy Stevens.

Boys age 8 - 9 Mike Smith, first place; Raymond Rondeau and Brian Bouchard. Age 12-13 Loring Eiland, first place, Mike Cousineau, Joe DeLuca and Alfred Auty.

Standing Broad Jump, Girls age 6 - 7 Kindra Guerra, first place; Marcia Paddock and Sandra Thomas. Age 8 - 9 Cheryl Bonda, first place; Darlene Randor, Debra Byrne and Sally Davenport. Age 10 - 11 Brenda Carlson, first place; Linda Johnson, Debra Grant and Mary Ann Hoggarth. Age 12 - 13 Linda Jennings, first place; Paula Grant, Debra Grant and Pat Hoggarth.

Boys age 6 - 7 Ernest Thomas first place; Robert Callery Paul Adams and Steven DeLuca. Age 8 - 9 Allan Byrne, first place; Anthony Ferrara and Gilbert Powell. Age 10-11 Edward Kinsley, first place, Lawrence LeBlanc, Joseph Candela and Dana Diana. Age 12 - 13 Paul Kearsley, first place; Michael Cousineau, Michael Daige and Gary Hoggarth.

Three legged race — Girls age 6 - 7 Debrah Leclaire and Susan Tetreault, Tara Hensel and Kindra Guerra, Susan Feccia and Jody Byrne and Jane Varney and Diane Phipps. Age 12 - 13 Ann Morgan and Ann Wojnowki, first place; Sandra Sany and Carol Slavin, Gale Wood and Donna Richard and Kathy Dudley and Denise Phelps. Age 14 - 15 Vickie Bouchard and Kathy Wagner, first place; Mary Irons and Ann Marie Lamothe and Linda Snay and Pat Roy.

Boys age 10 - 11 Peter Thompson and Kris Lukert, first place; Michael Jackson and Dana Diana, Tom Grant and Donald Ferrucci and Scott McTurk and Robert Desmarais.

Kangaroo race — Girls age 6 - 1 Leslie Grant , first place; Donna Blair, Debbie Diana and Debbie Leclaire. Age 8 - 9 Carol Richard, first place; Pat Gadboi Donna Morin and Linda Cousineau. Age 10 - 11 Mary Gallant, first place; Susan

Horsehoe pitching — Girls age 6 - 7 (rubber) Donna Blaire, as first place; Beth Iannatelli, Donna Roy and Joyce J. Phipps

Boys age 6 - 7 (rubber) Mark Morton, first place; Donald Oliver, Charles Miller and Russell D'Arcangelo. Age 8 - 9 Michael Lanagan, first place; Michael Morton, Donald Halsing and Bruce Mattson. Age 10-11 Scott McTurk, first place; Brian Johnson, ill McTurk and Edward Blair. Age 12 - 13 Stanley Chapin, first place; Gary Smith, Michael Daige and Gary Hoggarth.

Softball throw — Boys Charles Miller, first place; Robert Pezzella, Mike Leoncini and Ernest Thomas. Age 8 - 9 Mark Leone, first place; Mike Brogan, David Parker and Anthony Ferrara. Age 10 - 11, Tom Hodgson, first place; David Bing, Robert Grant and Robert Klein. Age 12 - 13 Ernest Miller, first place; Mark Neally, Paul Comolli, and Robert Loring. Age 14 - 15 Tom Pezzella, first place; Russell Johnson and Warren Taft.

20 - yard dash boys age 6 -7 Camaron Eiland, first place; Robert Pezzella, Michael Leoncini and Reese Rhodes. Girls age 8 - 9 Deborah Barnes, first place; Cathy Neally, Nancy Hackenson and Milly Mitchell.

100 - yard dash — Girls age 12 - 13 Ann Morgan, first place; Carol Slavin, Linda Jennings, and Sandra Snay.

Wheelbarrow girls age 10 - 11 Linda Parker, and Mary Wojnowski, first place; Debbie Daige and Bonnie Bouchard and Susan Mattson and Cheryl Morton.

Jacks, girls age 10 - 11, Sarah Winn, first place and Debra Grant, second.

15 - yard dash — Girls age 6 - 7 Susan Tetreault, first place Susan Feccia, Mary Morgan, and Judy Neil.

50 - yard run girls age 8 -9 Cathy Neally, first place; Cheryl Bonda, Nancy Hackenson and Susan Gardner. Age 12 - 13 Carol Slavin, first place; Sharon Lamothe and Patricia Hazard.

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Soccer Kick — Girls age 6 -7 Susan Barnes, first place; Nancy Morin, Deborah Miller and Nancy Thompson. Age - 9, Debra Byrne, first place; Carolyn Wiersma, Virginia Carlson and Deborah Davenport. Age 10 - 11 Cynthia Gerard, first place; Linda Johnson, Mary Hackenson and Ann Brogan.

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25 - yard dash — Boys age 8 - 9 Fred Gibson, first place; Robert Grant, David Parker, and Paul Randor. Age 10 - 11 Mary Ann Hoggarth, first place Trudy Leclaire, Linda Parker, and Shirley Magliocca.

Foul shooting — Boys age 12-13 Stanley Chapin, first place; Ernest Miller, Paul Comolli and Gary Smith. Age 10 - 11 Douglas Coburn, first place; Peter Leone, Edward Blair.

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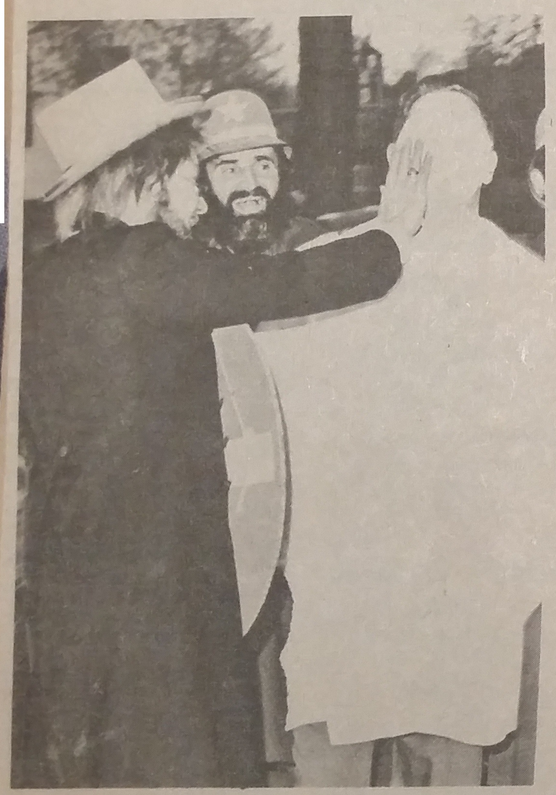

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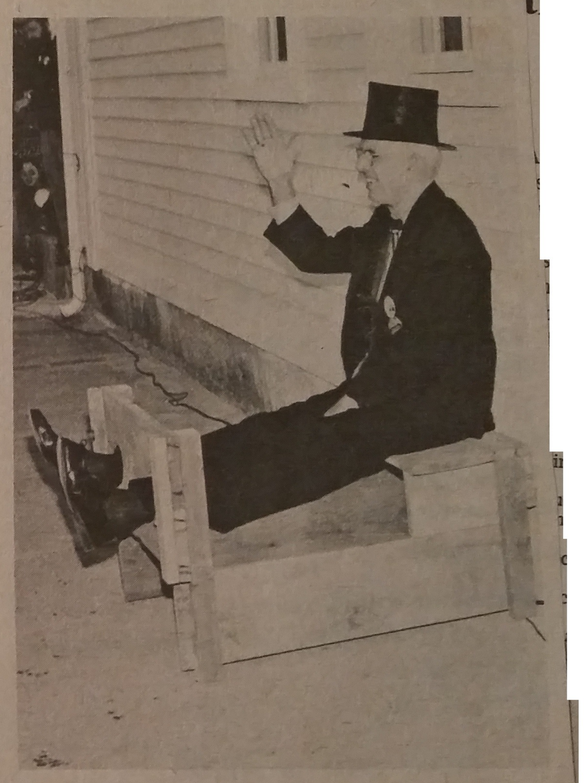

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Ferrucci, Mendon's bearded ridegroom, was seen yesterday carrying out his sentence with his new bride at his side.

Threatens Members

Thomas Hackenson was found guilty of not starting his beard on time, sending threatening letters to members of the brush, wearing a shaving permit and brush badge at the same time, and impersonating a brother by wearing a false beard at the first dance.

He was sentenced to sell 50 sheets of bathroom tissue at one cent each to 50 different individuals.

Leo J. Lovely was found guilty of swimming out of season. He was dunked, fully clothed in a bath tub and sprayed with water.

Joanne Parkinson, Jack DeLuca, Linda LaBastie, Alfred Auty and Pat Randor were found guilty of not wearing badges. They were sentenced to sing April Showers and sprayed with confetti.

Ann Leoncini, Mary Auty and Madeline Taft were found guilty and forced to sing a song praising the Brush association.

Window Washers

Selectmen Kenneth Taylor, Arthur Wiersma and Theodore Giatias were found guilty and sentenced to wash windows in the lower town hall and to sweep the street in front of the record room before tonight's meeting.

Henry P. Clough, 300th anniversary general committee chairman, was placed in the stocks for a five minute resting period after being found guilty of working too hard on the celebration.

The last offendor was Daniel Barnes, who had to be dragged from the barber shop just as he was ready to have his mustache shaved. Found guilty he was hit in the face with a cream pie. The judge was also hit with a pie and the court adjourned.

TODAY
Sunny, less humid, high in 70s. Tonight, fair, cooler. Tomorrow, sunny. Details on Page 2.
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Festive Parade Pays Tribute to Mendon

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25,000 Crowd Mendon For View of Big Parade

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HIGHLIGHTS

MENDON — Several enterprising families took advantage of the gala event to rent out parking space. Most were charging $1 per car and a field just off the parade route was estimated to have more than 250 cars parked.

Some three hours before the parade started, sidewalks were lined with spectators. Some residents set out lawn chairs early in the morning to insure themselves of a good seat.

Despite the number of cars, traffic moved smoothly on Route 16 with only minor delays.

Motorcyclists were prevalent and many drivers were observed wearing World War II helmets, some of the German style.

Most of the major parking areas along the parade route were filled to capacity by noontime.

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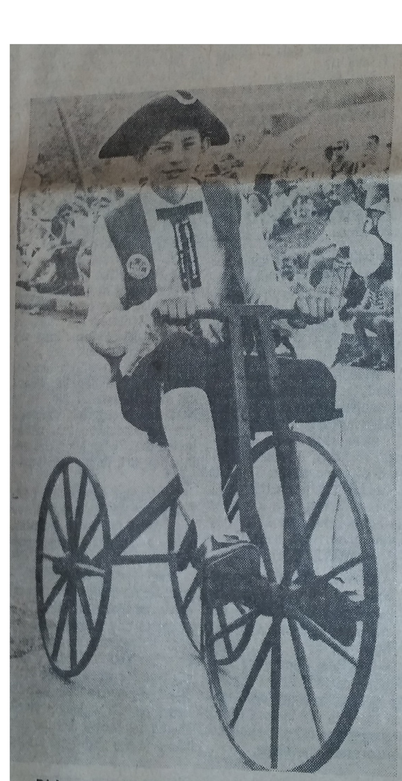
As the Unitarian Church float passed the reviewing stand, those watching were informed that the meeting house took more than 200 hours to build.



Richard Childs rides a wooden tricycle made in 1830.

The Hopkinton chapter of the New England Family Camper Association had their mascot, Smokey the Bear, on hand.

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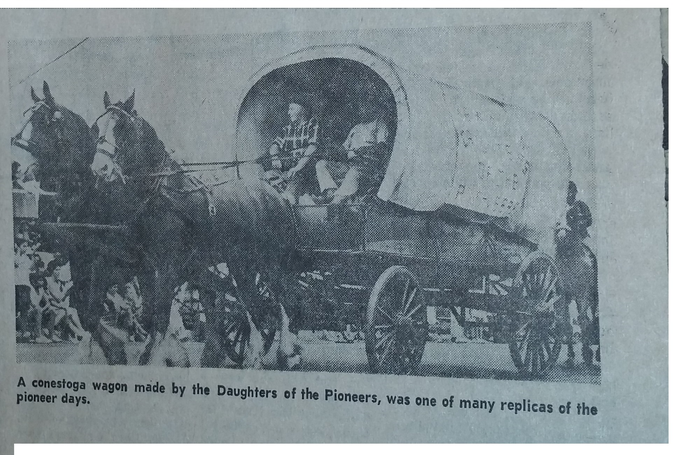
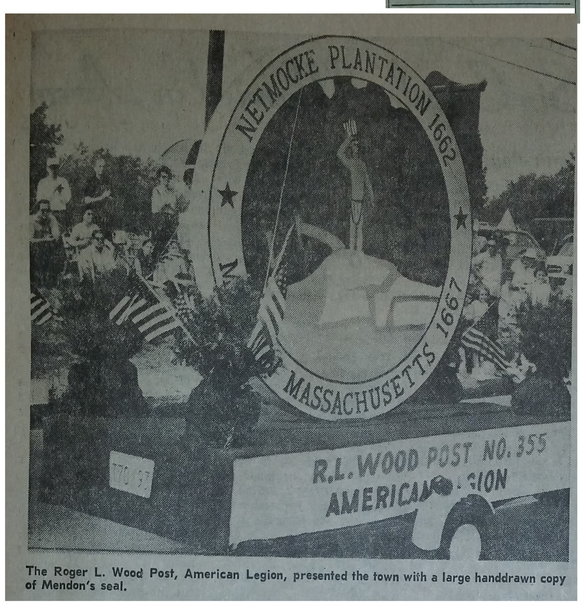


A conestoga wagon made by the Daughters of the Pioneers, was one of many replicas of the pioneer days.



The Roger L. Wood Post, American Legion, presented the town with a large handdrawn copy of Mendon's seal.

A little squaw leads the Daughters of the Pioneers.

Mendon's senior citizens, Mrs. Julia Swan and Mrs. Phoebe York, had a place of honor in the parade.

SUBPOENA

MENDON TERCENTENARY
MENDON, MASSACHUSETTS

Greetings:

Now here comes an Official Representative of the Mendham Brush Association, empowered to serve you this Subpoena for the reason(s) checked below:

- ☐ No "Brothers" Button
- ☑ No "Daughters" Pin
- ☐ No "Official" Hat
- ☐ No "Official" Bonnet
- ☐ No "Official" Tie
- ☐ No "Shaving" Permit
- ☐ Habitual Violator
- ☐ Too Ugly
- ☐ Just Don't Like You
- ☐ .....

YOU ARE HEREBY DIRECTED BY HIS ROYAL MAJESTY, THE RIGHT HONORABLE JUDGE OF THE KANGAROO KOURT TO APPEAR

TO BE ANNOUNCED
Time and Date

BEVERLY HARDING
(Violator's Name, Address and Phone)

Note: If you decide not to appear, all charges will be dropped against you, providing you purchase the article(s) immediately. If you decide not to cooperate and want to tear this Subpoena up and be known as an old fuddy duddy, go right ahead, but you're missing the time of your life! REMEMBER, A TERCENTENARY ONLY COMES ONCE IN A LIFETIME!

VIOLATOR'S NOTICE

This receipt will prove that I have purchased the necessary "Official" article(s) as checked on my Subpoena and further proves my loyalty to the Mendon Tercentenary Celebration.

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Clerk Official Stamp

NOT VALID UNLESS OFFICIALLY STAMPED!

Checking on hair length in Westboro were, from left, Phil Harding, Jeff Webber and Arthur George of Westboro and Herman L. Larder of Hopkinton, a judge. Elden Barrows is the subject of the search in the center.

Mendon Retrieves Razor Burial Marker From Westboro Group

MENDON — Victory was won by the Mendham Brush Association last night in the town of Westboro, when they retrieved their razor burial marker.

In spite of the cold some 100 townspeople, relatives, and friends of the Mendham Brush Association made the trip to Westboro in support of their bearded brothern.

Elden Barrows, president, was introduced by Donald Gregorie of Westboro. Barrows gave a short speech and then introduced other Mendon Brothers taking part in the event.

Leo Tetreault and Dick Ferrucci acted as stretcher bearers and armed guards. In full uniform were Leo Lovely Jr. and Donald Wheeler members of the Auxiliary Police Force.

Jack Rubery, tonsorial consultant and Giachino Paganelli, unbiased judge of Milford, were also standing by.

The Westboro brothers, who ceased to shave sometime ago, just buried their razors and Mendon, being fifty years older offered advice that Westboro put the horse before the cart.

It took much deliberation and consulting before the three longest hairs were finally decided upon and removed from the beard of Elden Barrows by Westboro's tonsorial surgeon, Donald Gregorie.

An announcement was made that not three but four hairs, had been removed, which meant that Westboro had violated the signed and notorized agreement between the two towns.

Philip Harding then read a proclamation which stated that Westboro must construct two signs similar to that which was taken. One is to be placed on public view in the Arcade Barber Shop owned and operated, by Gregoire and the other in the Dinette owned and operated by George, both in Westboro.

The signs must meet with the approval of the Mendon Assn. and will be brought to the associations dance Feb. 10.

The signs will read as follows "Visit the Mendon Trecentenary Celebration June 23, 24, 25, 1967.

All Mendon brothers were dressed in top hats, derbys, tails and other old type clothing.

The retrieved marker was escorted back to Mendon and will be replaced in its former resting place.

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A 16-Mile Hike to Honor Mendon

Mendon is celebrating its 300th anniversary this year, and 28 members of Mendon's Brothers of the Brush yesterday remainded eight neighboring towns of that fact. The towns were carved out of the original Mendon. After visiting Bellingham, Blackstone, Millville, Uxbridge and Northbridge by car, the Brothers of the Brush hiked 16 miles from Mendon through Upton and Milford to Hopedale. A complete story appears on Page 23, Section A.

COOLING OFF — Draper Park in Milford proved to be a welcome rest for members of the Mendham Brush Assn. Cooling off their hot feet after the march from Upton are Doug Taylor, center left, and Furnie White. After presenting Selectman James Donlon with an invitation to the festivities in June, the group continued the march to Hopedale. (Daily News Photo — Story, Other Photos on Page 9)

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Photos by Michael E. Castagnaro, of The Telegram staff

The Mendham Brothers of the Brush got the once over by Debra Kelliher, 10, while in Whitinsville.

Mendham Brush Association Members On 14-Mile Hike

MENDON — Selectman Kenneth Taylor welcomed 28 weary members of the Mendham Brush Association at Town Hall as they ended their 14 - mile hike through some of the original towns of Mendon Saturday.

Brothers left the Nipmuc Regional High School at 12.05 and landed back in Mendon at 4.45 p.m.

Arriving in Upton they were greeted by Selectman James E. Gallagher. He accepted an invitation, on behalf of the town, to visit Mendon during its 300th anniversary celebration.

Marching into General Draper's Park in Milford, the brothers were greeted by Selectmen James Donlon, who joined the marchers to the Mendon town line.

Selectmen C. Victor Pepper, and William Gannett were on hand in Hopedale to welcome the marchers. Hopedale selectmen also joined in the march to the Mendon town line. Hopedale police officer Fred Sprague was on hand to keep traffic running smooth on Route 16.

George Phipps and Duane A. Nelson committee chairmen, led the walk -a-thon followed by Elden Barrows, president.

Other's walking were Gaynor Nelson, Ernest Miller Jr., Edwin Miiler, William Winn, Stanley Bouchard, Robert Smith, Leo Lovely, Ellery Taft, Philip Twitchell, Douglas Taylor, Stanley Chapin, Louis Leoncini, Kelsie Townsend, Sigfrid Carlson, Raymond Roy, Earl Taft, Earl Lanagan Jr., John Tetlow, Howard Miller, Vincent Votaloto, Leonard Mellon, Robert Burns, Philip Harding, Herbert Wood II Donald Wheeler and Aldore Tetreault.

udents Presented Diplomas

CELEBRATION CHAIRMAN Henry Clough stands at left of stage in Nipmuc Regional Auditorium introducing members of the historical pageant cast. The pageant was presented Thursday and Friday nights to open the four-day schedule of events for the town's 300th anniversary. (Daily News Photo)

Parade, Concert And Fireworks In Mendon

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memorative coins to the selectmen.

The invocation will be given by Rev. Henry G. Cooper, minister of Unitarian Church and benediction will be by Rev. Gregoire Ratte, pastor of St. Michael's Church.

Bob Narducci's orchestra will play for the dinner music and for dancing after the banquet.

Tour Today

Today a tour of some of the town's earliest homes is being conducted, along with a visit to the contemporary home of Dr. and Mrs. Albert E. LaMarbe on Hopedale street, built just last year.

Older homes visited included those of Mr. and Mrs. Louis Gomez, Dr. and Mrs. Ronald Lukert, both on North street and Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin Chaleki of Park street.

Points of interest toured included St. Michael's Church, Elementary School art exhibit, Post Lane Marker, Founders Park, Baptist Church, Public Library, the Old Cemetery, Quaker Cemetery, Morrison's Home and Bootery, Taftsacre Marker, Old Town Pond, Pine Hill Cemetery, Unitarian Church, Taft Monument and the Chestnut Hill Meeting House.

Happy birthday to Mendon from the Sons of the Pioneers.

25,000 Crowd Mendon For View of Big Parade

MENDON — The skies clouded and humidity added to the discomfort of a hot afternoon, but an estimated 25,000 spectators lined the streets yesterday to watch the parade that climaxed this town's 300th-anniversary celebration.

The parade was led by the Mendon Police Department and open cars carrying selectmen from the towns of Milford, Upton, Uxbridge, Bellingham, Franklin, Hopedale, Northbridge, Millville and Blackstone.

One of the first units to pass was the Mendon Brothers of the Brush, who have worked since January to make the celebration a success. They were led by their police unit, the Keystone Cops, who were on the job even during the fun of the parade and were leading "prisoner" Harvey Rondeau dressed in traditional black and white stripes and with an iron chain and ball on his leg.

Daughters of Pioneers

They were followed by the Daughters of the Pioneers wearing dresses and costumes styled to represent the different eras of fashion from the time of the Pilgrims with their dark dresses and white bonnets, through the flappers of the 20s to the miniskirted fashions of today.

As one old-timer who has lived in Mendon all his life said: "The Centennial is over, but it's going to be a long time before the town sees a parade like this."

A colorful spectacle was provided by the Red Men marching unit of Southbridge who broke loose through the crowd shouting war cries.

Seated in the reviewing stand with selectmen were State Rep. Nathan Rosenfeld of Milford, Leo Kenny of Uxbridge, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Gould of Millville, Maj. and Mrs. Wayne Wagner, Master of Ceremonies David Atkinson and parade Grand Marshal Maj. Bruce Thomas.

Local clergymen, the Rev. Gregoire Ratte of St. Michael's Church and the Rev. Henry G. Cooper of the Unitarian Church, also joined the official centennial greeter Elmer Nelson and Mrs. Nelson and Town Clerk Mrs. Emily Coleman on the stand.

The spectators were entertained by parade participants, especially the Barbershop quartet groups from Franklin and Worcester.

The Gemini 8 Square Dance float of Upton was a temporary casualty. About three quarters of the way through, the truck carrying the float overheated. It was pushed to the side of the road, repaired and re-entered the line of march about 45 minutes later.

Other entertainment came

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Festive Parade Pays Tribute to Mendon

The Roger L. Wood Post, American Legion, presented the town with a large handdrawn copy of Mendon's seal.

The wishing well float was sponsored by the Tri-City Council of United Commercial Travelers of America. Proceeds will be used to help retarded children.

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from the Bloomer Girls of Upton and the various square dancing groups dressed in costume and dancing on floats.

All the youngsters among the spectators were excited by several floats that appeared in their behalf. The first was the Bat Boat, but their reaction was even more enthusiastic when "Popsie" appeared.

Popsie is a two-year-old elephant. He was entered by the Southwick Wild Animal Farm of Mendon.

Applause from the audience was loud and responsive to the different units of drum and bugle corps and to bands from schools in the area that added color, precision and music to the parade.

The two-hour event ended with the units of ox-driven carts, horse-drawn wagons, and stage coaches.

"I'm so proud of the town and the work they did for the parade," said Louis P. Bertonazzi, chairman of the Milford selectmen. "If we weren't just as proud of our town, we'd consider going back to our mother town of Mendon," he said.

And then the rains came, but too late to put a damper on one of the biggest times that Mendon has ever seen.

HIGHLIGHTS

MENDON — Several enterprising families took advantage of the gala event to rent out parking space. Most were charging $1 per car and a field just off the parade route was estimated to have more than 250 cars parked.

Some three hours before the parade started, sidewalks were lined with spectators. Some residents set out lawn chairs early in the morning to insure themselves of a good seat.

Despite the number of cars, traffic moved smoothly on Route 16 with only minor delays.

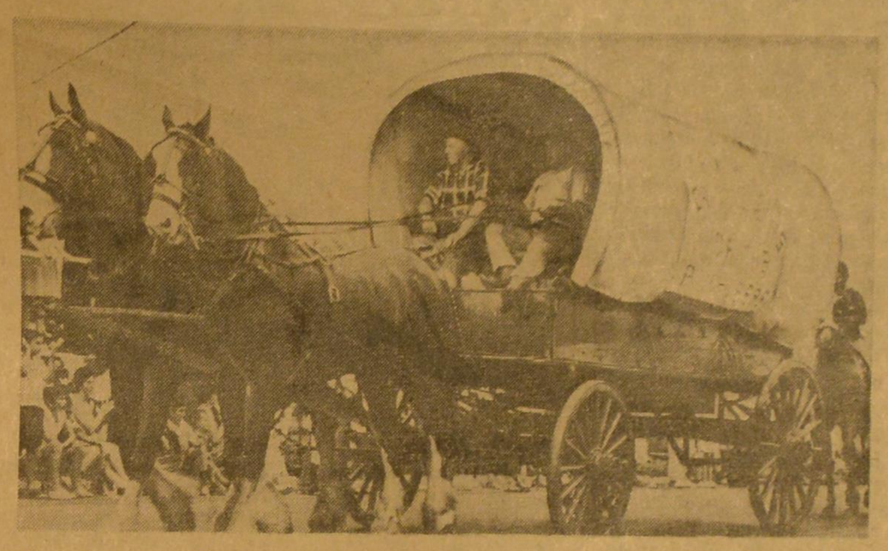
Motorcyclists were prevalent and many drivers were observed wearing World War II helmets, some of the German style.

Most of the major parking areas along the parade route were filled to capacity by noontime.

Telegram Photos by Michael Castagnaro

As the Unitarian Church float passed the reviewing stand, those watching were informed that the meeting house took more than 200 hours to build.

The heat posed no thirst problems for Holly McTurk of Mendon.



A conestoga wagon made by the Daughters of the Pioneers, was one of many replicas of the pioneer days.

Richard Childs rides a wooden tricycle made in 1830.

The Hopkinton chapter of the New England Family Camper Association had their mascot, Smokey the Bear, on hand.

A little squaw leads the Daughters of the Pioneers.

Mendon's senior citizens, Mrs. Julia Swan and Mrs. Phoebe York, had a place of honor in the parade.

Richard Gavin of Ashland and Robert Byrne of Hopkinton whoop it up in the back of the modern day version of horse power.

A great crowd pleaser was a baby elephant from Southwick Wild Animal Farm.

"School Days," the Mendon Alumni Association float, showed how the three R's were taught in the pioneer days.

MAPLE STREET
MENDON, MASSACHUSETTS

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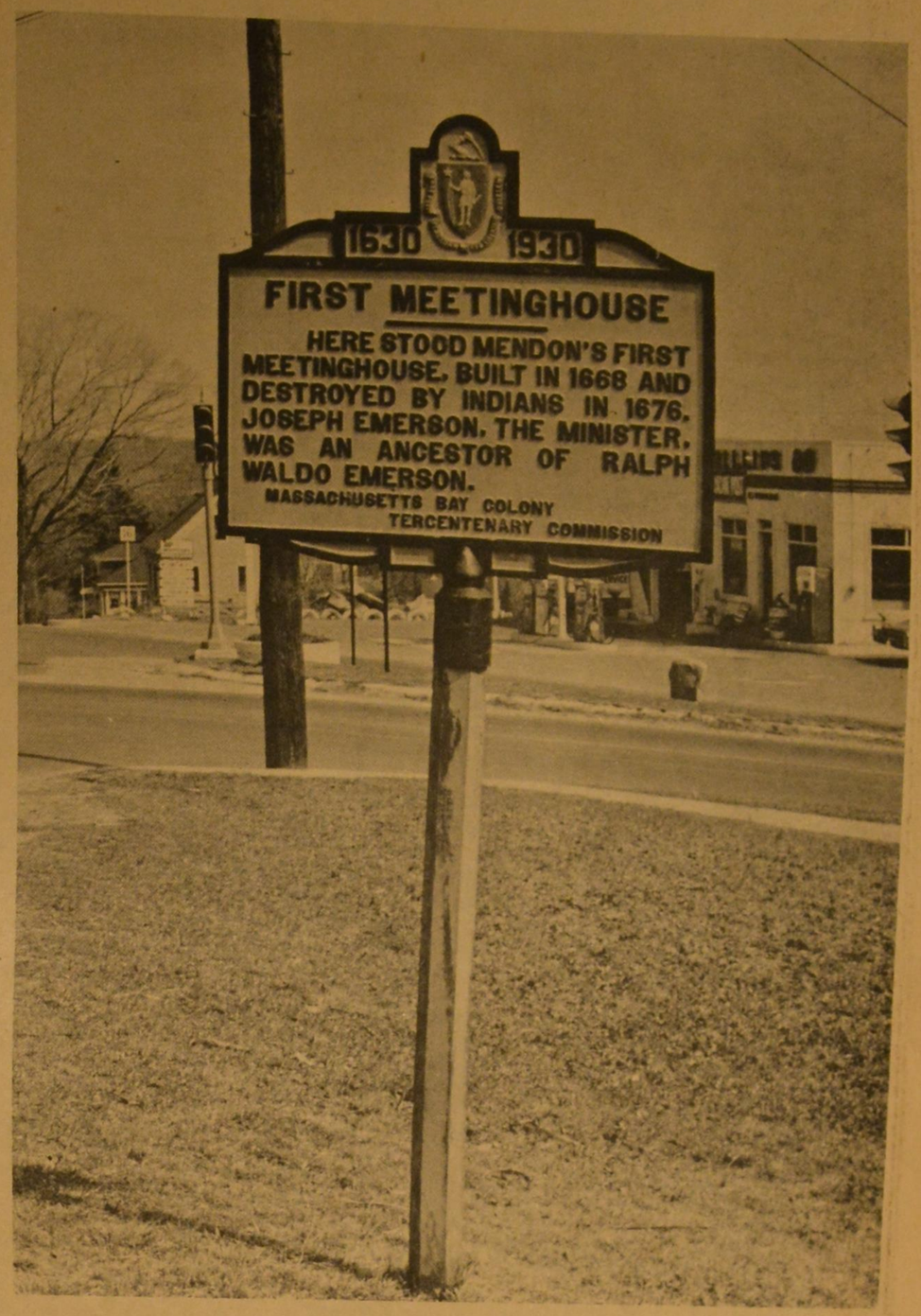
To the right is pictured Mendon's able Highway Department.



Above is one of the many historical markers that have been erected in the town of Mendon.

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Route 16
MENDON, MASSACHUSETTS

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Fried clams made us famous because our clams are the greatest!

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--At Ground Level, The View Of Parade Was Just As Breathtaking

MANY DIGNITARIES watched huge parade from reviewing stand at Roue 16 and Millville road. Parade Marshal Bruce Thomas is second from right.

"KITTY" on Southwick Wild Animal Farm float woke up in time for picture

PRETTY MAJORETTES showed style and form all along the way.

PRECISION MARCHING and bagpipe music thrilled thousands along the route.

SOME PEOPLE just weren't interested.

Daily News Photos
By
Ted Rose
Beth Rose
Nick Tosches

LOTS OF MUSIC was the rule and the young lad second from left is making sure he's heard at reviewing stand.

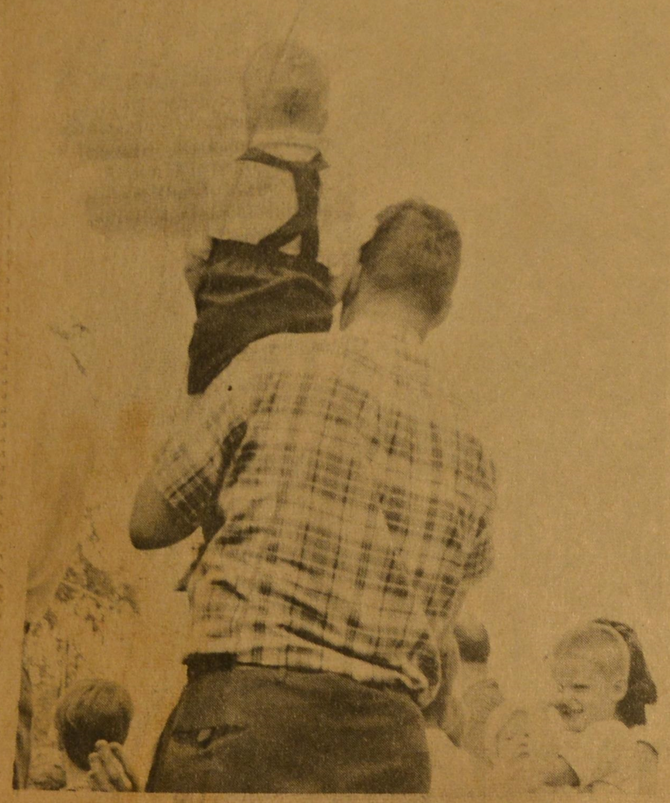
BABY ELEPHANT proved a hit with children all along the line.

HOPEDALE UNION CHURCH float was one of many which showed imagination and hard work.

BELLINGHAM HIGH SCHOOL band was one of over a dozen bands in the parade.

TAFT FAMILY ASSOCIATION float depicted forefathers on way to Blackstone River.

40,000 Line Parade Route In Mendon



WHAT'S HE WATCHING? — You'll see if you turn to the inside pages of today's paper. It's the gala celebration of Mendon's 300th anniversary. (Daily News Photo)

Weather Is Ideal

By LOUISE WHEELER

MENDON — Upwards of 40,000 spectators, many from out of state, lined the parade route for Mendon's 300th anniversary parade yesterday afternoon in ideal weather.

The efforts of long planning paid off as the parade went off with few hitches, lasting more than two hours, a bit less than had been estimated. People began flocking into town early, with some taking up positions at 7 a.m., others arriving in trailers and setting up benches and tents in fields along the route.

Buses were used to bring people in from Hopedale and also from outlying parking areas such as the Milford Drive - In Theatre. This aided the traffic problem greatly. Upwards of 2,000 cars were kept out of town by this method.

123 Units

Every available parking spot within walking distance of the parade route was taken. Cars on George street were parked on both sides almost to the Hopedale line.

Large units began forming at Lakeview park on the shores of Lake Nipmuc at noon, with individuals and small groups arriving even before that. They marched along route 16, two miles to the Center School on North avenue.

A total of 123 units including floats, drill teams, bands and color guards, antique vehicles, fire equipment, Redmen in war paint, soliders, marching units bugle corps, cub scouts, boy scouts, girl scouts, drum corps, ox drawn wagons, horseback riders and horse drawn wagons

Many spectators brought picnic lunches, blankets and chairs to await the line of march. The largest crowd congregated at Lowell's, near the center of town, with people ten rows deep

This was a special day for children as they viewed Topsy, a baby elephant, from the South wick Animal farm. Another treat was the bat - boat entered by Nipmuc Marine.

Rains Late

The Mendham Brush float received much applause. It represented an old - fashioned beer tavern. Westboro brothers of the brush and their Indians were

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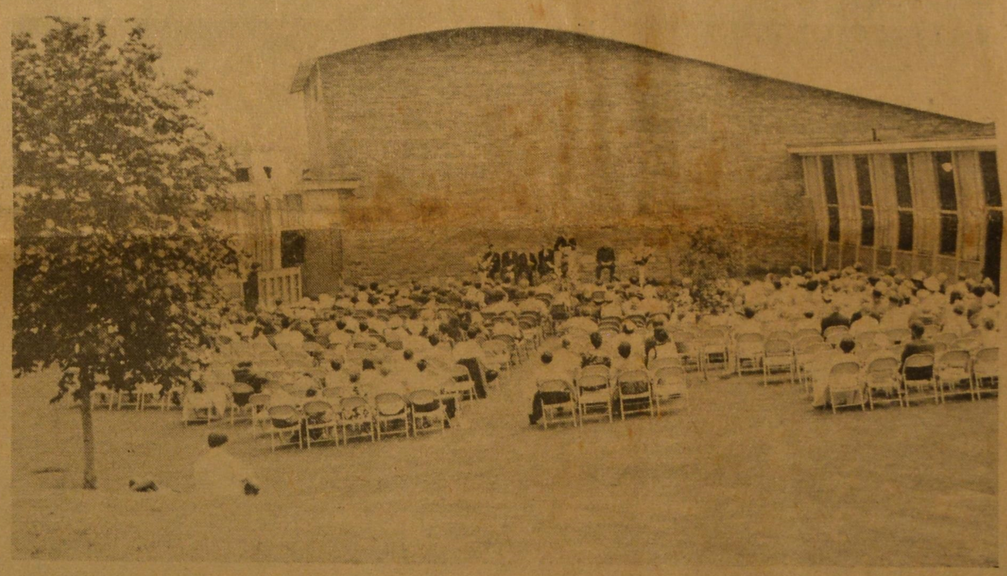

MENDON EVENTS over the weekend included the anniversary dinner Saturday night and Ecumenical church service Sunday morning. Cong. Phillip Philbin, top photo, was the main speaker at the dinner, attended by 900 persons at Lakeview Ballroom. Church service, bottom, took place outdoors behind the Nipmuc Regional High School, attended by 200. (Daily News Photo)

300-Member Daughters Of Pioneers Aid Observance

MENDON — Over 300 Mendon women are members of the Daughters of the Pioneers, who are adding color and beauty to the anniversary celebration this year. In keeping with the spirti and excitement of the celebration the Daughters have made or acquired costumes which they have worn to every function held in connection with the anniversary.

Many daughters visited rest homes in costume to cheer old timers up. They sponsored a teenage dance for local youth, played softball games, co-sponsored a mystery ride, family picnic, and field day with members of the brush association.

A large group of Daughters will serve as hostesses for the Arts and Crafts exhibit at the Center School Saturday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Other women will be baking cookies to be served at the exhibit. Mrs. Ruth Guerra and Mrs. Martha Votolato are co-chairmen.

Daughters will enter a horse drawn conestay wagon, parade of fashions, old fashioned baby carriage, horse and surrey in the parade Sunday afternoon.

Mrs. Ann Drew and her committee have worked preparing the entries for the parade. Other committee members include Mrs. Judy Ober, Mrs. June Brown, Mrs. Ruth Brownley, Mrs. Louisa Wheeler and Susan Barrows.

The daughters have also been canvassing the town with the sale of anniversary souvenir booklets.

Mrs. Gloria Hogarth is president, Mrs. Beverly Harding, treasurer and Mrs. Louisa Wheeler secretary.

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Mendon, one of the oldest towns in Worcester County — in fact, even older than the county — was incorporated as a town in 1667.

Above is pictured the Mendon Unitarian Church as it was when there were carriage sheds on the side.

The history of Mendon dates back to 1662, only 42 years after the Pilgrims landed in Plymouth. In that year the land was deeded by Great John and other Indians to Moses Paine and Peter Bracket for the sum of 24 pounds.

According to an age old marker, located near the junction of Providence street and Hartford Avenue East, the historic Indian uprising led by King Philip was to have started on July 14, 1675.

MARCH THROUGH MILFORD — Milford Selectman James Donlon, top photo, receives invitation to 300th anniversary celebration in Mendon from George Phipps, right, chairman of the march through Upton, Milford and Hopedale Saturday. At left is Eldon Barrows, Mendham Brush Assn. president. In lower photo, marchers parade up Main street near Milford Hospital. Donlon marched to Hopedale where the group was greeted by Hopedale Selectman Chairman C. Victor Pepper. (Daily News Photos)

Mendon's Bearded

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15-Car Motorcade Also

Traveling Through Area

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In addition to the line of cars, a group of "marchers" left an noon from Nipmuc Regional High School and walked to Upton and then to Milford and Hopedale, a distance of about 14 miles.

Marchers are all "member of the brush" and police in the various towns were alerted in advance. Most of the beards are neatly trimmed.

The expected arrival time in Milford is 3 p.m., with the marchers coming down West street into General Draper Park.

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One car has a large cartoon of a bearded man. Object of the motorcade and march is to publicize the town's 300th anniversary, an event that has already created interest throughout a large part of Central Massachusetts.

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TUNING UP — Jack DeLuca of George street, Mendon, may be tuning up this car at his father's service station in Milford, but he's also "tuning up" as a member of the Mendham Brothers of the Brush for tomorrow's celebration events. (Daily News Photo)

Mendon Braces For "Big Day"

The story of Mendon's 300th anniversary celebration has been "written out" but the actual celebration still has a good - sized kick left, as viewers trooping into town by the thousands Sunday will find out.

An estimated 40,000 are expected to line the two - mile parade route from Lakeview Park to the Center School on North avenue. A reviewing stand will be located about mid -way on Route 16 at Millville street near the Gulf station.

At 8 p.m. tomorrow there will be a band concert at Lakeview Park, and a mammoth fireworks display will be touched off on the shores of Lake Nipmuc, at Lakeview Park, at 10 p.m.

This spectacle, with vivid colors reflecting from the lake waters, signals the dramatic close of the four - day observance.

The list of parade entries was still growing last night and at last count there were 122 units ready to participate.

There will be floats, drill teams, bands and color guards, antique vehicles, fire equipment, Redmen in warpaint, soldiers, marching units, an ox - team, bugle corps, cub scouts, boy scouts, girl scouts, Campfire girls, drum corps, horse - drawn wagons, horseback riders baton twirlers and even a 'fun' vehicle, what ever that might be.

Three Hours Long

The parade is so long that dignitaries at the head of the parade will march the full route and then be brought back to the reviewing stand. The parade will last about three hours.

Where traffic might interfere with the parade, streets will be blocked off —and there will be ample police protection, with Mendon's force augmented by 100 policemen from neighboring towns.

Brothers of the Brush and the Belles, with their children as junior members, will be attired in costumes of past generations and are expected to add spritely color to the lineup.

Parade Chairman Edward J. Lamothe expects 50 dignitaries including House Speaker John F X. Davoren of Milford and selectmen from Mendon, Hopedale Milford, Upton, Uxbridge, Bellingham, Blackstone, Millville, and Northbridge, to view the parade from the stand after the march with the early units.

Officials of the committeee in charge of the various functions and other town officers will also be among the special guests along with senior citizens who are 90 years or over.

Eucumenical Service

Sunday, the big day in the long - awaited Mendon observance, will open with morning church services with the highlight to be an Ecumenical Service at Nipmuc Regional High School at 11 a.m.

Parade units will begin arriving at the starting point at 12.30 p.m.

Banquet Tonight

Tonight Mendon's tercententary banquet will be held at Lakeview Ballroom with 900 expected to attend. Congressman Philip J. Philbin of Clinton will be principal speaker and Town Counsel Jacob Oppewal will be master of ceremonies.

A proclamation from Governor John J. Volpe will be read, and there is still an outside chance that the Chief Executive might be able to break away, from other commitments to make an appearance sometime this weekend.

Russell Dudley will read the proclamation at the banquet and J. Gerard Sweeney will be in charge of the ceremony formally dedicating the memorial booklet to Henry P. Clough, general chairman of the 300th anniversary celebration.

Miss Janet Vear will be soloist and Clough will hand over com-

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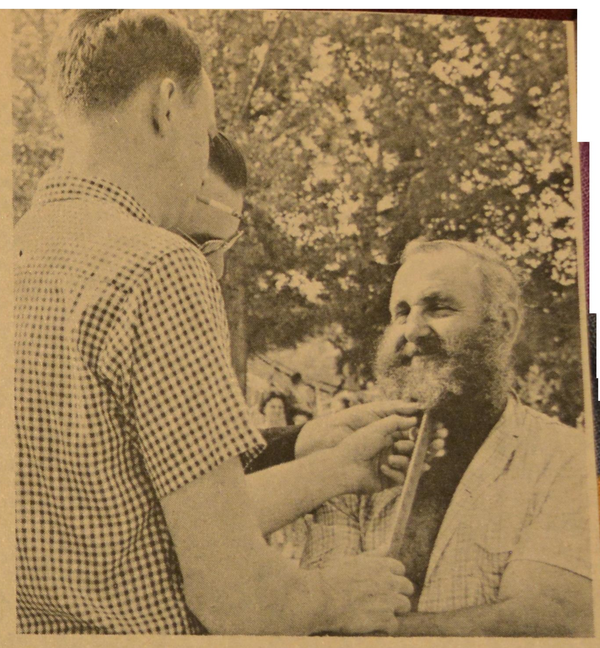
WEATHER
Cloudy, 60s Tonight,
Showers P. M. Tomorrow

MILFORD DAILY

MILFORD, MASS., SATURDAY EVENING, JUNE 24, 1967

BEST BEARD in Mendon went to Richard Rhodes, shown here being given close scrutiny by judges Arthur George, in checked shirt, and Francis MacIntire.

THE WINNERS in Brothers of the Brush contest were, from left, John Phillips, handle bar moustache; Don Wheeler, moustache; Larry Munhall, best Lincoln-type; Herb Wood, best fancy trimmed; Richard Rhodes, best beard in town; Lionel Leclaire, most kissable and best full untrimmed; Harvey Rondeau, most unusual, and Stanley Chapin, best full trimmed. (Daily News Photos)



LENGTH OF BEARD was an important factor in judging. Here, Aldore Tetrault has his full beard measured by the judges during outing at Lakeview Saturday.

Over 1000 Attend Mendon Family Picnic

Beard Judging Is Highlight Of Event

MENDON — More than 1000 Mendon residents, former residents and guests attended the family picnic day held at Lakeview park Saturday as a part of the town's 300th anniversary celebration.

Highlight of the day was the beard judging contest for Brothers of the Brush. The brothers have been raising beards since last January hoping to capture a prize in the contest.

Richard Rhodes of Millville street, sporting a full, white beard, was selected the best bearded man in the town of Mendon. Rhodes had a full white beard even though his hair is still its natural brown color.

Lionel Leclaire of Gaskill street captured two prizes that of the most kissable and the best full beard untrimmed. Mrs. Vy Palm served as judge for the most kissable beard.

Other Winners

Other winners were Herbert Wood of Providence street, best fancy trimmed beard; Harvey Rondeau of Providence street, the most unusual; Lawrence Munhall of Whitinsville, and a former Mendon resident, best Lincoln; Stanley Chapin of Main street, best full beard trimmed; John Phillips of Cape road, handle bar mustache, and Donald Wheeker of Providence street, the best mustache.

Sam Aldrich of Upton, Arthur George of Westboro and Francis MacIntire of Hopkinton, served as judges. Aldrich won a prize for his beard when Upton celebrated its anniversary a few years ago. George is a recent winner in the Westboro beard contest in observance of the towns 250th anniversary.

The picnic day was sponsored by the Brothers of the Brush and Daughters of the Pioneers.

All contest winners plan to leave their beards on after the celebration as they will participate in a parade in Northbridge next month.

Steady Pace

The Mendham Brush Association, numbering 180, have kept up a steady pace advertising Mendon's 300th anniversary since last January 1 with the burial of razors.

Many activities were planned, making sure townspeople got in the spirit of things. A 15 mile walk-a-thon drew much attention from area towns as brothers marched through some of the original towns of Mendon. A motorcade through the remaining towns preceded the walk.

Keystone Kops have kept members of the brush and Daughters of the Pioneers on their toes as they searched the town for offenders of the code. Two sessions of the Kangaroo court were held with over 40 members being judged and punished for various violations. They erected a portable jail and stockade to accomodate violators.

A rivalry sprung up between the Westboro brush who just recently celebrated their 250th anniversary. Elden Barrows, president had to insure his beard against hazards of Westboro brothers after losing three whiskers as a ransom for the return of Mendon's razor

Four Dances

Four successful dances were sponsored by the group with an average attendance of 600. They also co-sponsored a field day program, family picnic, and mystery ride with daughters of the pioneers.

Still furthering the spirit they will enter a float and marching unit in the parade next Sunday and will perform a scene in the Tercentennial Pageant on Thursday and Friday nights at the Regional High School.

Elden Barrows serves as president with Herbert Wood, vice-president; Philip Harding, treasurer, and Donald Wheeler, secretary.

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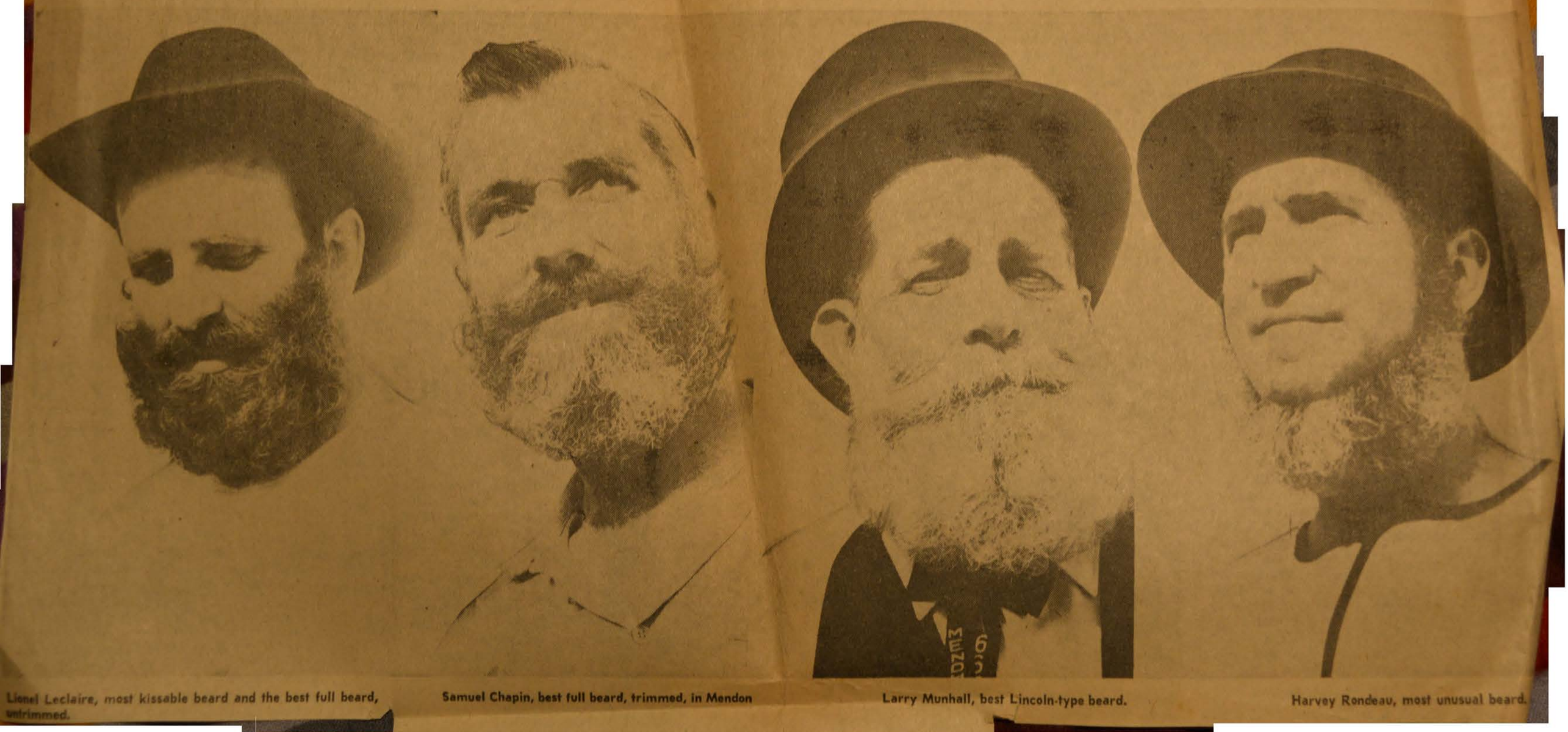

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Samuel Chapin, best full beard, trimmed, in Mendon

Larry Munhall, best Lincoln-type beard.

Harvey Rondeau, most unusual beard.

Mendon Anniversary Beards Judged at Family Outing

Text and Photos
By MARY ANNE MIELINSKI
Of The Telegram Staff

MENDON — Take a beautiful, perfect summer day; add a family and a packed lunch to a lake and you have a good old-fashioned picnic.

Hundreds of moms, dads, and children from this town enjoyed just this sort of a day Saturday as a part of their town's Tercentennial anniversary celebration.

The families flooded the beach and recreation area at Lakeview Park and spent the day swimming, eating, playing, and just basking in the sun.

Some of the older couples, despite the hot temperatures, were garbed in the costume of their ancestors, wearing colorful, long-skirted dresses, pilgrim bonnets and double-breasted suits.

Then came the time of the day that the men had been waiting for since January — the beard contest — and all the Brothers of the Brush and their families congregated around a stage.

Lauds 'Brothers'

Elden Barrows, president of the organization, greeted his bearded "brothers" and congratulated them all for their hard efforts in making their 300th anniversary celebration such a success, and for their good sportsmanship in burying their razors and growing their thick beards.

The judges were, Francis McIntyre of Hopkinton, Samuel Aldrich of Upton, and Arthur George of Westboro.

Nine categories were judged, but the largest response, where it seemed as if every Brother lined up to compete for the winning title, was for the most kissable beard. Mrs. Viola Green was judge, and the lucky winner, Lionel Leclaire, received a kiss for his prize. Leclaire also was winner of the best full beard untrimmed.

Other categories and winners included, Donald Wheeler, best moustache; John Phillips, best handlebar moustache; Herb Wood, best fancy trimmed beard; Larry Munhall, best Lincoln-type beard; Harvey Rondeau, most unusual beard; Samuel Chapin, best full beard, trimmed; and Richard Rhodes, best beard in town.

A special recognition was given to Elden Barrows, chosen by the Brothers for having the best beard of the executive board of the Brothers of the Brush. His prize and climax of the day — a dunking in the lake.

Tercentennial Pagea

History Of Mendon To Be Highlight

MENDON — Mendon History will be highlighted in a Tercentennial Pageant to be held at the Nipmuc Regional Auditorium next week Thursday night at 8 p.m. and Friday at 7 p.m.

Three-hundred tickets will be available for each performance. Eight acts are featured with a cast of many including school children, brothers of the brush, teenagers and residents.

The signing of the Indian Deed will begin the program, followed by the incorporation of the town, Indian Massacre and abandonment of the town, the 1773 Town meeting from actual records, beginning of the revolutionary war the Ammidon tavern, dance numbers, the program will wind up with a schoolroom scene of the 1800's.

A choral group of 20 will provide selections under the direction of Donald Thatcher, with Mrs. Marsha Ledoux as accompanist.

Cast members include Martin Auty, Russell Dudley, Walter Gaskill, Raymond Ricard, Kenneth Pirtle, Linda Auty, Donna Dudley, Kathleen Klozkowski, Barbara Davenport, William Auty, Nadine Bonda, Victoria Benotti, Robert Vander Sluis, Conrad O'Donnell anl John Mespelli.

Also Linwood Lowell, Gerard Lamothe, Arthur Johnson, Keith Lion, Louis Lowell, Carleton Cox, Robert Jackson, Russell Johnson, Ellis O'Donnell, Karen Tycks, Heidi Taylor, Deborah Feccia, Faith Balian, Gary Thompson, William Giatas, Michael Smith, Mary Wojnowski, Robert Pezzella, William Lambirth, Janet Grant, Theodore Giatas, Eugene Phillips, Larry Pearson, Mary Ann Barrows, Elden Barrows, Douglas Taylor, Herbert Wood, Philip Harding, Lionel Leclaire, Ernest Miller, Edwin Miller, Leo Tetreault, Kenneth Taylor, Diane Oliver, Sheila Lee Rosemary Kempton and Hilda VandeLinde.

Also Kathleen Chapin, Carolyn Sears, Harriet Wiersma, Kathleen Fagan, Karleen Barrows, Susan Martini, Thomas Hackenson, William Hackenson, Thomas Pezzella, Edward Phillips, Alfred Perron, Richard Taft, Randall Harding and John Bing.

Cast of the Minuet includes Beth Lukert, Ernest Thomas, Nancy Morin, William Lambirth Susan Feccia, Robert Callery, Deborah Miller, Cameron Eiland, Laura Barlow and Reese Rhodes. Mrs. Linwood Lowell and Mrs. Austin LaBastie are in charge of costumes, Dorothy Mathewson as choreographer and Miss Barbara Bartlett as pianist.

Daughters Of Pioneers In 11-Town Trip

150 Youngsters Tour Area In Long, 38-Car Caravan

MENDON — Over 150 members of the Daughters of the Pioneers, Brothers of the Brush and their children, traveled in 11 towns yesterday on a mystery ride. Warren Goodnow as committee chairman, led the caravan of 38 cars.

The autos were decorated advertising the town's 300th anniversary in June and all were in costume.

A three decker birthday cake was atop a car driven by Thomas Guerra and family. Also riding in the car were Mr. and Mrs. John Hogarth and daughter. A top hat with an arrow through it was atop the car of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Brownly and family.

The caravan traveled through the towns of Hopedale, Milford, Medway, Holliston, Ashland Hopkinton, Marlboro, Sudbury Northboro, Westboro and Upton

Stops were made at the Wayside Inn and General Store in Sudbury and in Westboro.

Mendonites were welcomed in Westboro and presented a key to the town made from a telephone pole. Philip Harding read a speech challenging Westboro to a tug - of -war and 24 - hour soft ball game, dates to be announced later.

Warren Goodnow and Raymond Miller handed out 25 pounds of lolly pops to the children and were fined for not having a license. Warren Goodnow could not meet his fine and was placed in the stockade for a short period.

The key to Westboro was brought back to Mendon and placed on top of the Jail located between the Taft Public Library and the town hall.

Warren Goodnow, chairman, was assisted by Raymond Miller, Edwin Miller and William Slavin in planniing the Mystery Ride.

Crowd pictured as razors are "put to rest" in Mendon

200 Turn Out In Rain For Mendon Razor Burial Parade

MENDON — In spite of a light drizzle over 200 residents of Mendon and visitors turned out for the Mendham Brush Association Procession on New Year's Day.

The procession began promptly at 2 p.m. with Elden Barrows; president, Randall Harding; drummer and Herbert M. Wood; vice - president leading the line of march.

Over 50 "brothers of the brush" marched carrying banners and a box for their razors.

Many men downed old-fashioned apparel which added color to the event.

On arrival at the "burial — site" Town Crier Mike Magliocca sounded the bell and the ceremony was under way.

Elden Barrows president gave the welcome address. He welcomed everyone to the first activity of the Tercentenary year and stated there would be many more such occasion's to follow.

He introduced selectmen Kenneth Taylor who brought greetings from selectmen.

Henry Clough, general committee chairman of the 300th anniversary was introduced and expressed his appreciation to the association for their fine spirit in the first event of the tercentenary year.

Elden Barrows extended his sympathies on behalf of the association to all fellow townsmen who will not be joining in the venture.

He stated that although you can not tell them apart now "Our separated Brethen will remain as ever un - changed, unadorned and outside of the fellowship of the Mendham Brush Association."

After the address, members lined up and tossed their razors into the "box". The air was filled with the aroma of shaving cream as members emptied cans of shaving cream into the box. It was then covered with earth and the marker placed.

The proclamation was then read by Herbert Wood) stating that on the first day of January in the town of Mendon all members of the Mendham Brush Assn. would cease to use their razors and to also let it be known that the spirit of "67" would be visible on the faces of all members.

Over 30 new members signed up making a total of over 90 men. New members are:

Ernest Lavalley, Jan Hashey, Francis Morrison, Jeff Webber, Robert Turner, Loren Murch and William Baldiga.

Also Howard Miller, Richard Hickmott, Mike Magliocca, Ronald Bethel, Eldon Swanson, Martin Zajac, Leo Lovely Jr., John Gaskill, Robert Roy, Edward Barnes, Jack Deluca, John Atkinson, John Phillips, Dan LaBastie and Ernest Miller

Also Furnie White, Francis Griffin, William Auty, Roland Carlson, Dwight Davenport, Godfrey Davenport, Jack Moriarty, William Hackenson and Stanley Wojnowski.