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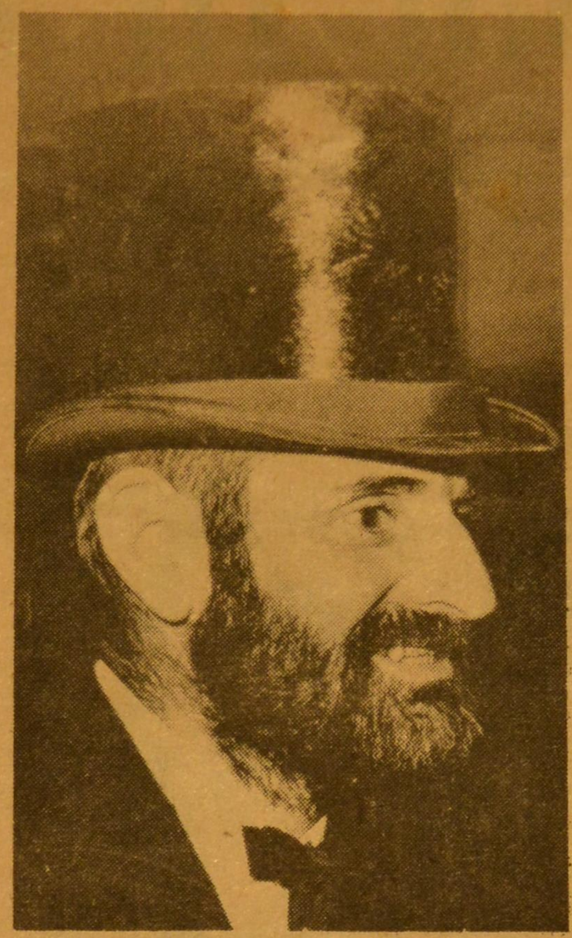

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MENDON — To shave or not to shave is the question in Mendon these days as the town prepares for its 300th anniversary this summer.

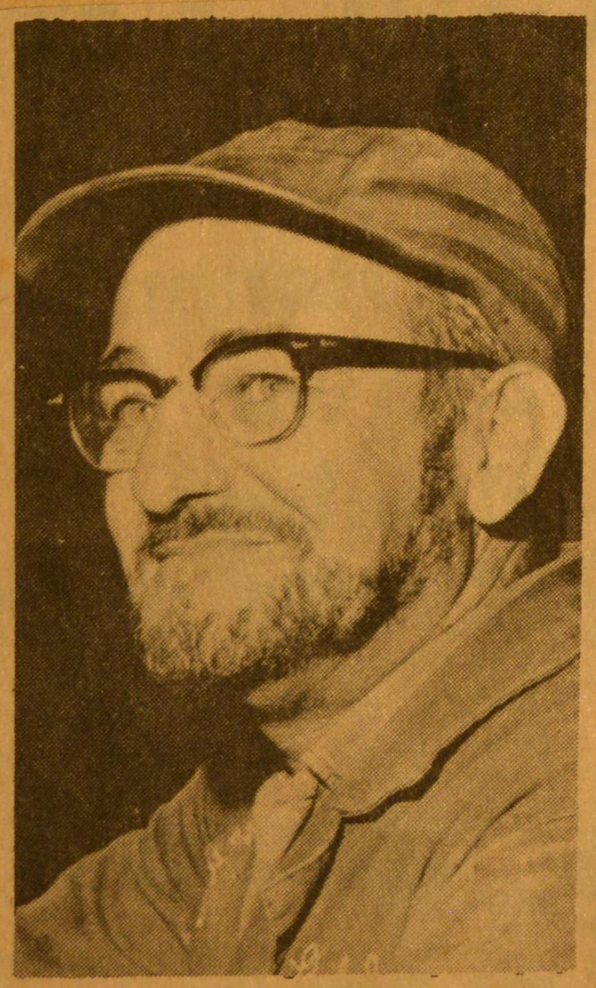
A chapter of "bearded wonders" has been formed, known as the Mendham Brush Assn., and close to 100 residents are growing everything from handlebars to full - blown beards.

Several "Abe Lincolns" made their appearance at a dance at Lakeview Ballroom last Saturday, complete with stove - pipe hats, frock coats and canes.

The dance was sponsored by the association and drew close to 700 persons. It was the first full - scale event of the celebration and marked the first of many planned by both the brush association and the anniversary committee.

Most wives are living with the beards although some have obviously put their foot down and limited the "brush" to a small moustache.

In the meantime, it's grow, grow, grow your beard, in Mendon. (Daily News Photos by Ted Rose)



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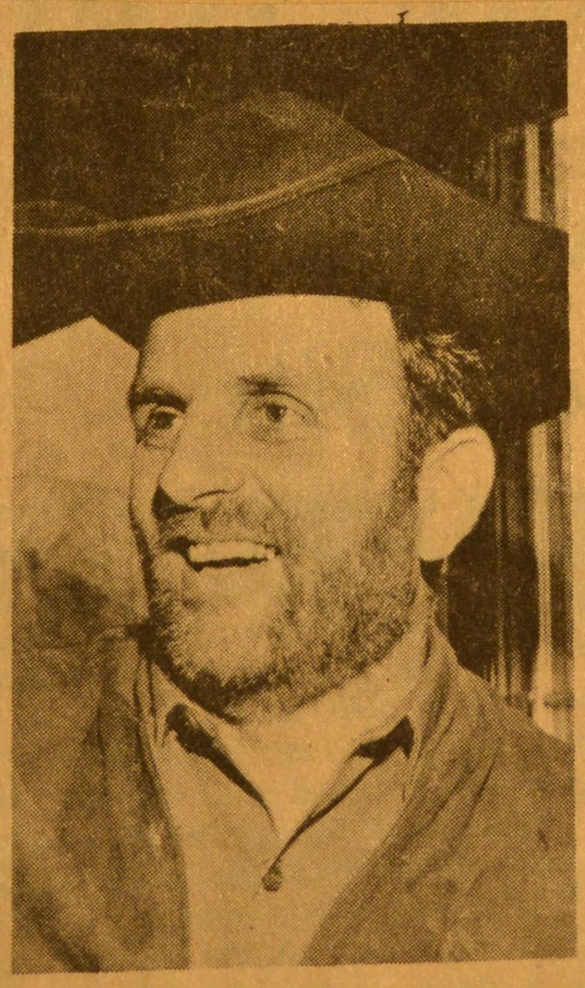

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Mendham Unit Takes Vow

By MARY ANNE MIELINSKI
Telegram Staff Reporter

MENDON — All members of the Mendham Brush Association have agreed to cease shaving and remain unshaven until the end of June, 1967.

This was the concluding statements of the razor burial ceremony which officially marked the opening ot this town's third centennial celebration Sunday afternoon. More than 50 men, aged 21 years and older, took part in the 'solemn' ceremony, burying their razors and vowing not to shave again until the end of next June.

The men are members of the Mendham Brush Association, a beard growing organizationn formed recently as part of the town's celebration of 300 years of existence. Mendham is the original name of the town. Officers of the association are Elden Barrows, president, Herbert Wood, vice president, Philip Harding, treasurer, and Donald Wheeler, secretary.

250 View Ceremony

Sunday's ceremony, viewed by over 250 residents and visitors, began in a procession staring at Lowell's Dairy. Club members walked in a double poll bearing line down Maple Street to the Library. The casket — a large box, draped in black, full of their razors and cans of shaving cream.

A funeral march was provided in the background by Randall Harding, a pupil at Nipmuc Regional High School. His drum kept up a steady beat of a dead, solemn tone as the men slowly proceeded behind him. The procession was lead by Barrows.

Razors Buried

The grave site was dug at the side of the Library next to Town Hall. Here the men stopped and the ritual was begun with a welcoming speech by the president of the club.

Greetings to the spectators were also heard from Kenneth Taylor representing the Selectmen, and by Henry Clough, general committee chairman of the 300th anniversary celebrations, who wished success to the brush association.

The men then formed a single file and each walked to the casket, picking up a razor and a can of shaving cream and dropping them into the grave. Douglas Taylor of the razor burial committee filled in the grave which was then roped off and a wooden plaque placed at the site.

The epitaph reads, January 1, 1967; Mendham Brush Association Razor Burial Site; R.I.P. (Rest in Peace).

The ceremony marked the opening of future festivities and celebrations which will conclude with three days of gala events in June.

Suburban Glimpses

WHITINSVILLE — The third of a series of dance instructions will be given from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. Friday at Whitin Community gym. Following the instruction period general dancing will be held until 10 p.m.

Other local musical groups wishing to make a personal appearance at Friday night dances are asked to notify Charles Krylo on Friday night at the dance or by calling the gym.

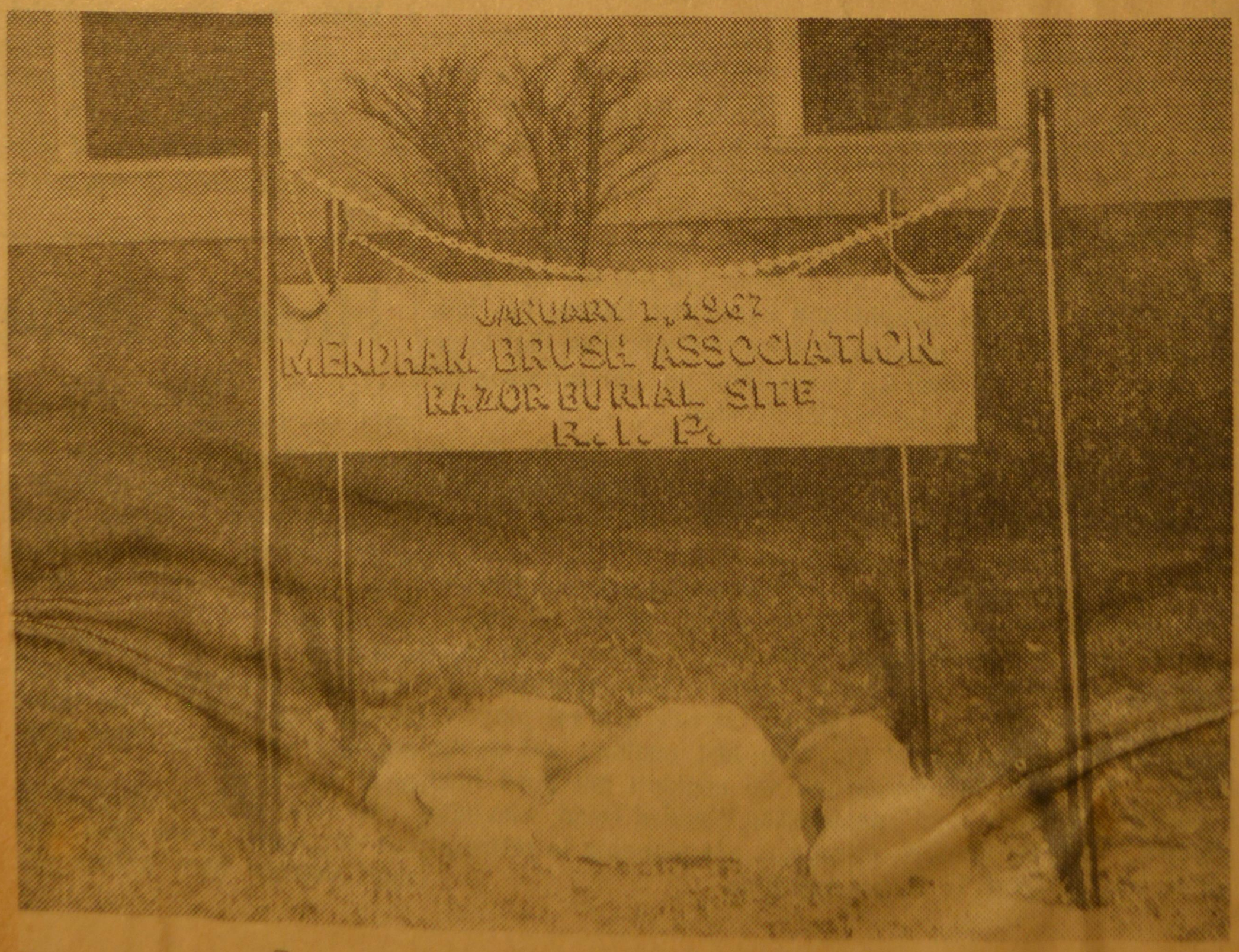
A meeting of the Phil Vandersea testimonial committee will be held at 8 tonight at Whitin Community Gym.

Chairman Ray Young urges all members to be present. A dinner will be held Jan. 21 at the Northbridge High School cafeteria.

SUTTON — Harmony Class will meet at the home of Mrs. Nelson Gerber, Sr., Boston Road, tonight.

The program will open at 7 p.m. A business meeting and lesson will follow.

Mrs. Frank Freeland will be in charge. Mrs. William Taft will assist as co-hostess.



Razors and shaving cream are deposited in Mendon

Ribbon Cutting Ceremony In Mendon Is Tomorrow Morning

MENDON — Joseph Taylor, chairman of the 300th anniversary finance committee, announces the ribbon cutting ceremony for the Old Time Store, opening, will be at 10 a.m. tomorrow in the rear of Wendell's Barber shop. Henry P. Clough, general committee chairman and selectmen will officiate at the ceremonies.

The store will open to the public. Hours are every Saturday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Thursday evenings from 7 to 9.

A group of the Daughters of the Pioneers and Brothers of the Brush will work in full costume at the store on the opening day.

A parade will leave Lowell's Dairy parking lot at 9.45 a.m. with daughters, brothers and their children marching in full costume.

All types of accessories and souveniers will be sold to defray the cost of the 300th anniversary celebration in June.

Some items for sale are: anniversary commemorative coins and bar pins, mens derbys, top hats, tri-cornered hats, ladies capes, aprons, gibson girl hats; childrens hats and pins, mens arm bands and neckties.

There will also be a selection of authentic reproductions of colonial bonnets hand made by a Mendon women. Souvenier booklets, tiles, and other item will go on sale closer to the anniversary dates in June.

Finance committee members in charge of the event are Joseph Taylor, chairman; Mrs. Emma Barrows, Arthur Dalton Mrs. Alba Deiane, Norman Garrett, Warren Goodnow, Mrs. Janet Grant, Philip Harding, Robert Jackson, Frederick Magee, Mrs. Ernestine Phipps and Mrs. Louise Sabatinelli.

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INSURED "BRUSH" — Eldon Barrows of Mendon, left, is taking no chances with his beard during the anniversary celebration of the town. Shown with Peter Ellis of the Karl Bright Insurance Agency, Barrows insured the growth against being run over by a one-eyed or crosseyed Oxen, hold up, mysterious disappearance, forgery, fire (only in the event the entire department responds to extinguish the blaze), and wrongful or malicious abstraction unless permission is obtained in writing from the insurance agency. Hairs which become discolored, die or imbedded with food are excluded. Several other stipulations regarding the length were also made. (Daily News Photo)

Mendon Banquet Ticket Deadline Is Tomorrow

MENDON — Frank Dudley, 300th anniversary chairman announced today that ticket cancellations will not be accepted after tomorrow. At that time a firm committeement must be given on the number of meals to be served. There are less than 30 tickets available for the banquet to be held at Lakeview ballroom Saturday. Committee members will not be responsible for any tickets that have not been returned by tomorrow.

Over 850 tickets, at six dollars per person, have been distributed for the banquet which will start at 6.30 p.m. sharp. All persons are urged to allow ample time to park and to be seated in the hall so that the schedule can be adhered to.

News Briefs

Tickets for the Thursday night performance of the tercentennial pageant are nearly all sold. A second performance is scheduled for 7 Friday night at the regional high school auditorium. Tickets can be purchased from Mrs. Gloria Hogarth or William Kimball. There are only 300 available for the Friday night performance.

All future little league games will be played Wednesday and Friday nights, a change from Tuesday and Thursday nights. Games will be played tonight and tomorrow night at the center school field at 6 p.m. Tonight the pirates meet the red sox and tomorrow the pirates meet the orioles.

The 300th anniversary general store will be open tomorrow from 7 to 9 p.m

Taft Public Library is open today from 1.30 to 5 and 6.30 to 8 p.m.

All Cub Scouts of Pack I are to meet with Kelsie Townsend, cub master at the Lakeview parking lot Sunday at 1 p.m. to participate in the anniversary parade.

Daughters of the Pioneers are reminded to bring cookies on disposable plates to the Center School Saturday morning by 9.-45. The daughters will be hostessing the arts and craft exhibit at the center school Saturday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

MENDON — The Mendham Brush Association held a meeting last niight with 60 Brothers being present. The meeting was progressing routinely when interrupted by a group of bearded men from Westboro who introduced themselves as the culprits who had stolen the razor - burial marker.

Donald Walker, president of the Westboro group and Arthur George along with other members appeared at the meeting in answer to a plea from the Brothers in regard to the return of their sacred marker.

The Westboo group stated the marker has been placed on Public View in that town and is well guarded. They also gave a report on the activities of their group. The Town of Westboro is celebrating their 250th anniversary.

They extended a invitation to the Mendham Brothers to attend their meeting in Westboro this Thursday to discuss ransom terms for the marker.

The Mendham Association accepted and will send a delegation of men to the meeting.

Elden Barrows, president extended greetings to the Westboro brothers and invited them to attend the planned dance in February.

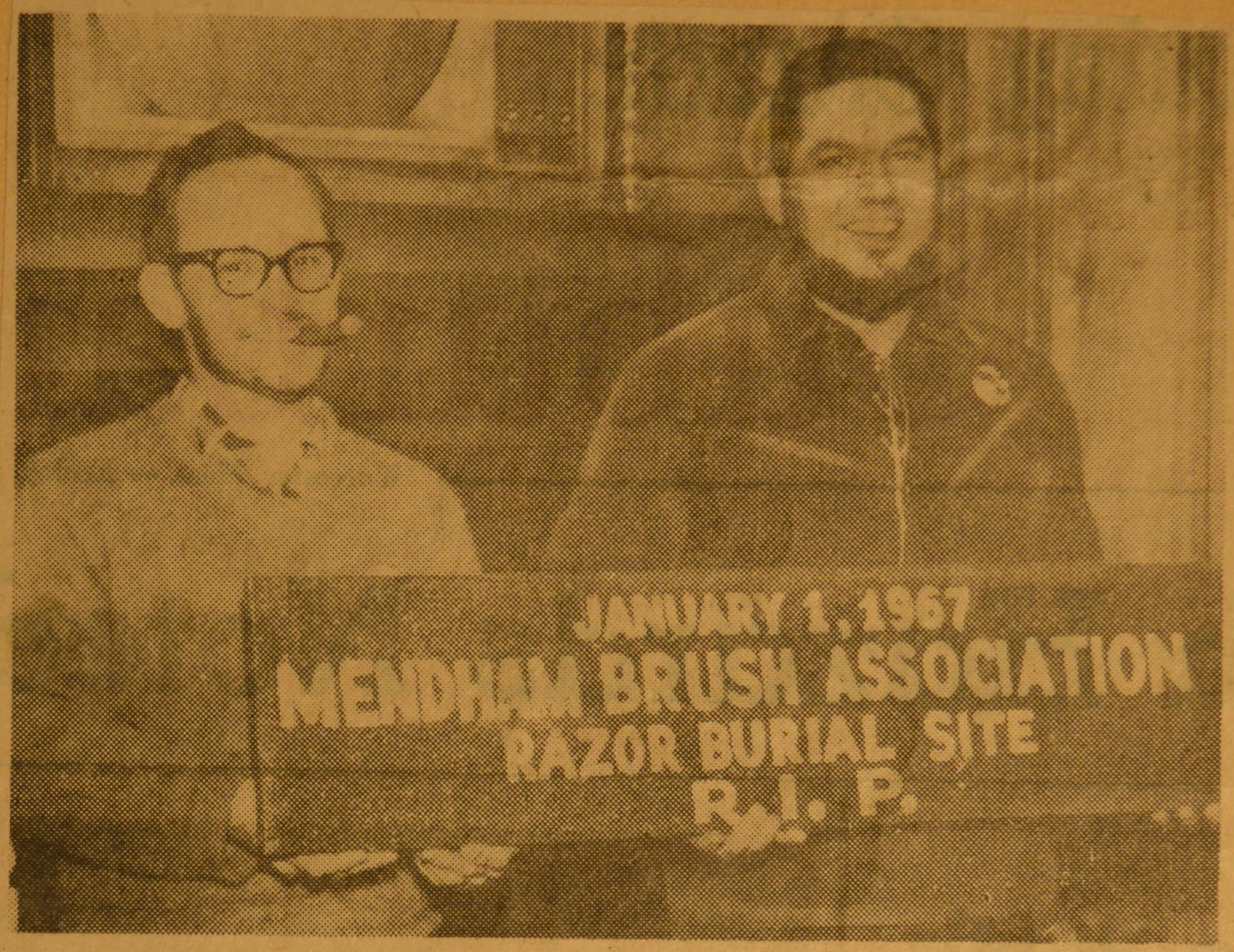
At last night's meeting the Brothers voted to hold a dance in Feb. at the Lakeview Ballroom. Irvine Broome was appointed chairman with Thomas Guerra and Charles Salvia as his committee. Philip Harding treasurer stated that due to the large membership more buttons were being ordered.

Dick Ferrucci, Warren Goodnow and Leo Tetreault were appointed to the executive board along with the officials of the Association. Leon Nadon was elected as the official photography for the association

The Brothers voted to send a letter of thanks to Randall Harding for his splendid job as drummer in the razor - burial ceremony and also thanks extended to Douglas Taylor, Peter Denton and George Phipps, for their work on the ceremony.

A Parade committee was established at last night's meeting to make plans for the float to be entered in the 300th Anniversary celebration. The committee members are: Robert Klein, Vincent Votolato, and Leo Lovely Jr.

Elden Barrows, president stressed a need for old clothing and urged all members to acquire as many articles as possible. The next meeting is Jan. 31.



Gazette Photo

The Mendham High Brush, Eldon Barrows (left) and the Westboro High Brush, Donald P. Walker. are holding the banner at ceremonies last night. Attended by beard growers in both towns at the Veterans of Foreign Wars Hall in Westboro.

Mendham Loses 3 Whiskers

WESTBORO — The three longest hairs from the beard of the Mendham High Brush brother Eldon Barrows, is the ransom price asked by the Westboro Brothers of the Brush, for the return of the Mendham Burial Marker stolen last week.

Arthur George, chairman of the Pilferage and Ransom Committtee of the Westboro Brush Brothers, read the ransom terms at a meeting of the Brush last night at the Veterans of Foreign Wars hall, as attended by 46 beard growers — 11 from Mendham.

The terms read in part: "These three hairs to be publicly extracted from the beard of the Mendon High Brush by our official tonsorial surgeon, Donald Gregoire. Mendon may bring its own consultants. Unbiased judges from two neutral towns will be present to decide which are the three longest hairs in the beard."

These terms were accepted by the Mendham Brothers. It was announced that the hairs would be auctioned off at the Mendham Brush Association Dance, Feb. 10, at the Lakeview Ballroom.

Last night's meeting also set 7 p.m. Jan. 20 as the time for the procession and burial of one used razor of the Westboro Brush Brothers. The procession will begin at the Congregational Church and proceed to the traffic rotary where, with tolling of bells and poll of drums, the razor will be buried.

An armed guard of Westboro Beards, Walter Norton Jr. and Herbert Perrault, stood guard with rifles last night over the Mendham Marker displayed at the meeting. Westboro had stolen this last Friday in a daring raid on Mendon's burial site.

They Say in Mendon

Hustle Boosts Mendon Brothers Ahead of Westboro Counterparts

MENDON — The Mendham Brothers of the Brush are now ahead of the Westboro Association in a strong, but friendly, rivalry that has been rising since the two towns began their centennial celebrating the anniversary of their founding, Westboro its 250th and Mendon its 300th.

The battle began in January when the Westboro Brothers stealthily entered Mendon one night and pilfered the tombstone that marked the burial site of the razors and shaving cream of the local association. The brothers from each town have since been trying to stay one step ahead.

A St. Patrick's night dance, hosted by the Westboro brothers, placed the Mendham group far into the lead. Tickets were distributed here and sold for $.99 to over 100 Mendon men and their wives, who planned to make the cash returns at the dance which was held at the Fox Lounge on Route 9.

9,000 Pennies

With no stipulations by the Westboro group as to how the returns were to be made, whether by cash or check, the Mendham brothers entered the dance with over 9,000 pennies in an appropriately decorated wheel barrow and ceremoniously presented them to the chairman of the Westboro clan, Walter Norton.

Elden Barrows, president of the local association, said that their rivals were "completely and utterly flabbergasted, but accepted the joke, although they were a little upset that we had scored again."

"We expected a retaliation from them during our Saturday walk-a-thon," Barrows said, "and we were quite surprised when they didn't interfere with the event."

This anticipation arose because of numerous phone calls from the Westboro brothers last week, asking many questions about the week-end affair, especially concerning times of arrival and departure and exact routes to the motor cavalcade and afternoon march to the neighboring towns.

Barrows said that one of the most horrifying events that took place was the evening that the Westboro brothers extracted four hairs from his beard and auctioned them off at a public dance. They were purchased by Mendham brother Nel Leclair for $17 and the president's pride and respect was restored when Leclair had the hairs set into an engraved plaque.

Mendham, in turn, changed the conditions of the policy to read that they would receive payments for any damages to Barrow's beard, but that the Westboro brothers would pay all premiums.

Consequently, they presented their rivals with a bill for $1,300 from the insurance company, gaining one more victory.

Both brotherhoods are wondering whats in store for them, especially when they get together at a dance Saturday night in the Lakeview Ballroom here.

FORSOOTH HIRSUTENESS — The Westboro Brothers of the Brush, organized to grow beards and raise money for the town's 250th anniversary, report the growths art getting better and thicker weekly.

"But, at that, they're not as thick as some of the comments by the Mendon Brothers of the Brush, that we read in the papers," says Arther George. The two groups have had a running feud for some months now.

Monday, our paper carried a headline: "Hustle Boosts Mendon Brothers Ahead of Westboro Counterparts."

"And who do they quote? Just the Mendon fellows," continues George, "that's what I call biased reporting. Those Mendon farmers would have trouble hustling ahead of a cow alseep in the barn."

One trouble in participating in brush events in Mendon for the Westboro group is that "it is so difficult to find the town," according to Westboro Brother Walter Kimball. "You're through it before you're in it," he says. "Some of the natives there don't even seem to know where they're living. If thy think that little matter of paying 9,000 pennies for their dance tickets bothered us, they're nuts."

Donald Walker, chairman of the Westboro Brothers, sums up the matter: "You could just say here in Westboro, we're richer, better looking, have longer beards . . . and more beautiful horses."

Mendon Razor Burial Site Marker Stolen

MENDON — The Mendham Brush Association reports that the marker over the razor burial-site was taken sometime over the weekend. The theft has aroused the ire of the membership and if the culprits are apprehended the retribution will be swift and all consuming.

The offenders are known to the officials of the Mendham Brush Association and if they would have the proper respect for their senior community, the brothers would welcome the return of the stolen marker at their meeting on Tuesday, Jan. 10 at 8 p. m. in the Town Hall.

The marker reads: "Jan. 1, 1967, Mendham Brush Association, Razor Burial Site, R.I.P., (rest in peace.)" The officials stated that they would guarantee the safety of the offenders to and from their meeting if the marker was returned.

Mendon "Beards" On Jaunt

MENDON The Brothers of the Brush will journey to Westboro tomorrow to answer the "ransom terms" set by the Westboro Brothers, who confiscated their "sacred" marker a few week ago.

The ransom terms were agreed on by the two towns, and will be carried out in Westboro squad at 7 p. m.

Mendon's High Brother of the Brush Elden Barrows will have the three longest hairs of his prized beard publicly extracted by Westboro's tonsorial surgeon, Donald Gregorie.

Jack Rubery of Milford will also make the trip to Westboro on behalf of Mendon, as their tonsorial consultant and serving as the unbiased judge from a neutral town is Giacchino Paganelli, a member of the Milford Zoning Board of Appeals.

Other Brothers taking part in the ceremonies are Philip Harding and Herbert Wood.

Mendon Brothers have planned some surprises for Westboro and are asking all townspeople, friends and relatives of the Mendham Brush association to come to the ceremonies and support their bearded townsmen.

The town of Westboro, which will celebrate their 256th anniversary, will also hold their razor burial ceremony lon Friday night.

Three Longest Hairs Are Ransom Terms For Marker

MENDON — Elden Barrows, president of the Mendham Brush Association, along with 10 other brothers, went to Westboro to seek the ransom terms asked for the sacred marker, which was stolen a week ago.

Upon arriving at the Westboro Brush meeting they found their sacred marker placed on a table with two armed guards standing by.

Arthur George, chairman of the pilferage and ransom committee of the Westboro Brothers read the ransom terms, which stated that the three longest hairs from the beard of the Mendham High Brother of the Brush, Elden Barrows, would be publicly extracted by Westboro's tonsorial surgeon, Donald Gregorie.

The terms were accepted by the Mendham Brothers and they will plan to bring along their own consultants. Unbiased judges from two neutral towns will decide the longest hairs in the beard. This will take place in Westboro Friday at 7 p.m. in the Congregational Church.

President Barrows wants all brothers and townspeople to attend the affair and also that there will be some surprises instore for Westboro brothers.

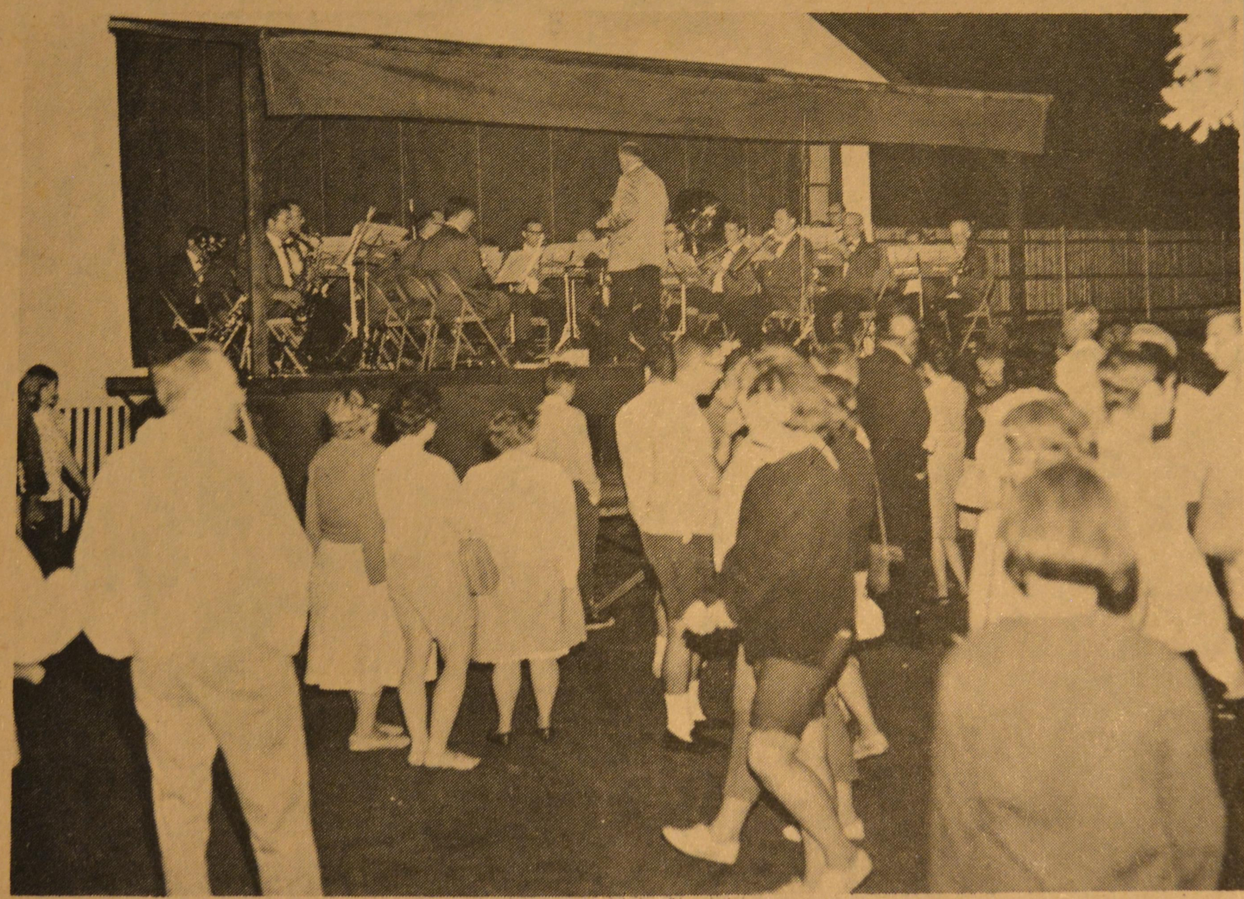
Other brothers making the trip were Philip Harding, Douglas Taylor, Stuart Appleby, Leo Tetreault, Charles Salvia, Irving Dudley, Arthur Paddock, Jack Deluca, Leon Nadon, and Nell LeClaire.

The extracted hairs will be auctioned at the Mendham Association's Dance Feb. 10 at Lakeview Ballroom The theme of the dance is "Ye Old Brush Hop". Costumes are optional.

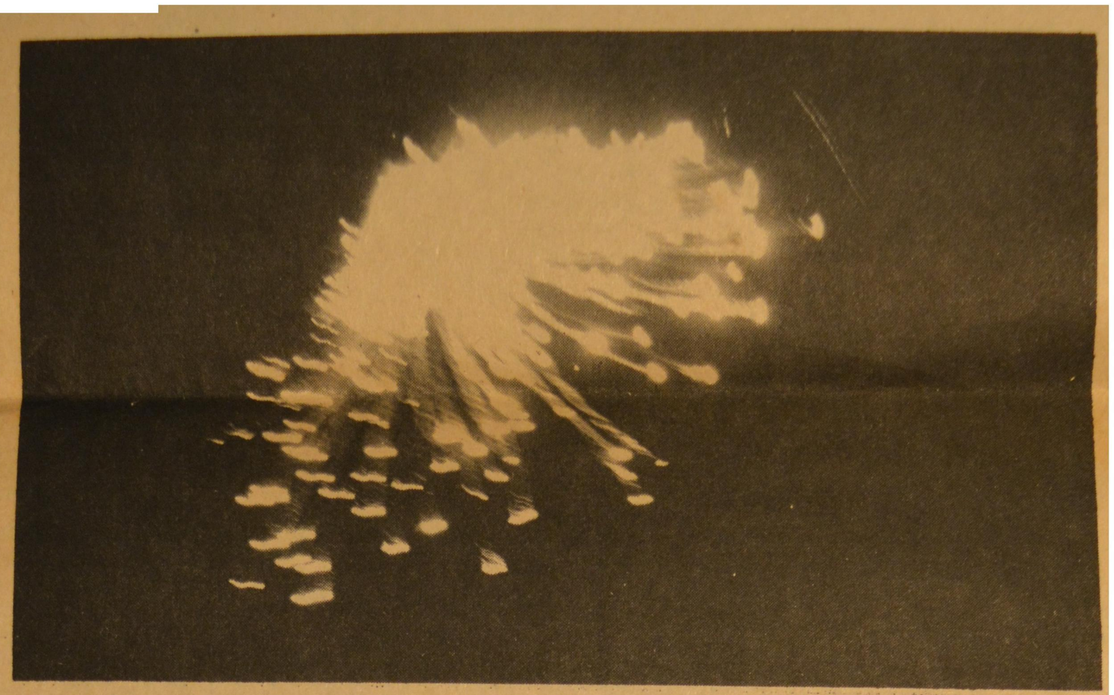
Dance tickets will be distributed to the brothers on Tuesday night in town hall.

Mendon Celebration Scenes

COOLING OFF under a spray of water from a firemen's hose at Saturday's muster in Mendon proved to be great fun for these youngsters.



BAND CONCERT by the Milford-Framingham band drew thousands of listeners before fireworks Sunday night. Events capped the 300th anniversary celebration activities.



FIREWORKS HIGH OVER LAKE NIPMUC boomed for 20 minutes as an estimated 10,000 people watched.

HUGE OXEN proved a parade hit as several of the animals pulled carts and floats during the parade.

POPULAR SPOT during athletic events Saturday morning was the water fountain at the rear of the Center School. (Daily News Photos by Ted Rose)

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS FOR MENDON'S 300th ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION 1967

Thursday, June 22

8:00 p.m. HISTORICAL PAGEANT - Nipmuc Regional High School Auditorium

Friday, June 23

7:00 p.m. HISTORICAL PAGEANT - Nipmuc Regional High School Auditorium

7:30-11:30 p.m. YOUNG PEOPLE'S DANCE - Lakeview Park Ballroom

Saturday, June 24

9:00 a.m.-12:00 SPORTS PROGRAM - Mendon Center School Grounds
(1) Field day events for boys and girls of Mendon
(2) Long distance road race open to residents of Mendon, Bellingham, Blackstone, Hopedale, Milford, Millville, Northbridge, Upton, Uxbridge

10:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. OPEN HOUSE at the following:
Baptist Church, Main Street
Chestnut Hill Meeting House, Millville St. (Millville)
St. Michael's Church, North Avenue
Unitarian Church, Maple Street
Mendon Center School Arts & Crafts Exhibit, North Ave.
Mendon Historical Society Museum, Main Street
Taft Public Library, Main Street

1:00-5:00 p.m. HOUSE AND HISTORICAL SITES TOUR - Headquarters at Mendon Town Hall

2:00 p.m. FIREMEN'S MUSTER - Mendon Center School Grounds

6:30 p.m. 300th ANNIVERSARY BANQUET - Lakeview Park Ballroom

Sunday, June 25

MORNING CHURCH SERVICES - at local churches

11:00 a.m. ECUMENICAL RELIGIOUS SERVICE - Nipmuc Regional High School

2:00 p.m. 300th ANNIVERSARY PARADE - Lakeview Park to Center School

8:00 p.m. BAND CONCERT - Lakeview Park

10:00 p.m. FIREWORKS - Lakeview Park

Anniversary books will be on sale at $1.50 a copy at the end of the first week in June at the Anniversary General Store, Maple Street, Mendon.

Store hours are Thursday 7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.
Saturday 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Brothers Will Meet In Mendon After Celebration

MENDON — Brothers of the Brush will continue to meet after the 300th anniversary is over next weekend. Decision came at the last meeting of the brush, when some 70 members voted to continue as a social group, assisting the community in various functions and programs.

In keeping with the spirit of the celebration, brothers will be dressed in full costume tomorrow. Beginning Monday they will dress in costume after 6 o'clock every night until the celebration which officially gets underway Thursday, with the presentation of a historical pageant at the Nipmuc Regional High School at 8 p. m.

Three new members were elected to the executive board, making a total of 10 brothers who will organize and run the group after the celebration. The Board members are Elden Barrows, Herbert Wood, Philip Harding, Donald Wheeler, Richard Ferrucci, Leo Tetreault, Douglas Taylor, Warren Goodnow, Edwin Miller and Lionel Leclaire.

store is open until 4 p.m. today.

The C. B'eers radio club will meet tomorrow night at 7.30 in the Legion Home. The program will include entertainment by Andrew Nealley, with Mrs. Viola Miller and Mary Nealley in charge of refreshments.

Sabin Oral Polio vaccine will be administered to children two months of age and over at the Center School Monday from 9 to 9.30 a.m.

Board of Health meets at 7.-30 Monday night.

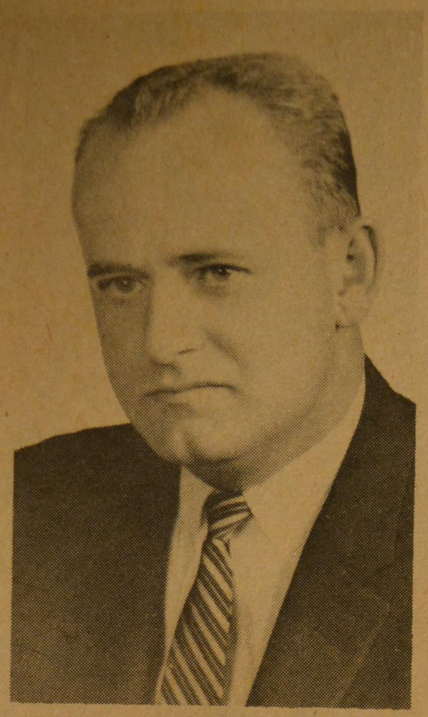
The caravan will leave the Town hall tomorrow at 2 p.m. All are asked to dress in costume, and decorate cars. The caravan will tour the eight daughter towns of Mendon advertising the 300th anniversary celebration which begins Thursday.

Mendon Parade Sunday Expected

Milford Daily News, Thurs. Eve., June 22, 1967—9

To Last Three Hours

120 Units In March; Step-Off Time 2 P.M.



JACOB OPPEWAL

Mendon Banquet Toastmaster

MENDON — Atty. Jacob Oppewal of 14 Linden street, Whitinsville, will serve as master of ceremonies for Mendon's Tercentennial Banquet to be held Saturday at Lakeview Ball Room.

He was born in Mendon, son of Hr. and Mrs. Teake P. Oppewal, North avenue, who still reside at that address.

He graduated from Calvin College in Grand Rapids, Mich., with an AB degree. He received his law degree from the Suffolk Law School and is a practicing attorney in Whitinsville.

He has served as town council for Mendon the past six years. At one time he was a special district attorney during the administration of former Atty. General Edward Brooke.

MENDON — Upwards of 40,000 visitors are expected to jam Mendon for the highlight of its 300th anniversary Sunday, and the big attraction will be a parade of musical units, floats, color guards and other units, totaling 120 at last count.

It will be the biggest parade seen in these parts for many years and is expected to wind through town for three long hours. The parade starts at 2 p.m. at Lakeview Park and will march more than a mile down route 16 to the Center School on North avenue.

Major Bruce Thomas is parade marshal and will head the first units in the parade, a delegation of State Police, Mendon Police, House Speaker John F. X. Davoren of Milford, units of selectmen from Hopedale, Milford, Upton, Northbridge, Millville, Uxbridge, Bellingham and Blackstone, a contingent of senior citizens, color guard from Hanscomb AFB, Nipmuc Regional High Band, Nipmuc Regional Teachers Assn. float and a Mendon High Alumni Assn. float.

A reviewing stand will be erected at the Island, corner of Route 16 and Millville street. Some 50 dignitaries, guests and visitors will be seated on the stand.

Parade officials are Edward Lamoth, Richard Varney and Thomas Hackenson.

Other units in the parade, listed in order of appearance:

Antiques, Too

Marching unit of Cub Scout Pack 1 of Mendon; Oxford Post, American Legion, post parade and fun vehicle; Brothers of the Brush of Westboro float; Knightsmen Drum and Bugle Corps of Millis; baton twirlers, Palm Dance Studio; Mendon Grange float; trolley car sponsored by the Massachusetts Electric Co.; 30 Model "A" antique automobiles from the Restorers' Club of Massachusetts; color guard from Oliver-Ashton Post, Northbridge.

Color guard and marching unit from Gaudette Kirk Post of Spencer; Unitarian Church of Mendon float; antique fire en-Squares float; Blazers Band of Framingham; Northbridge float; St. Michael's Church of Mendon float antique fire engine from King Philip DeMolay; antique automobile and tricycle from Dr. Ronald A. Lukert of Mendon; color guard and marching unit from Charles A. Rice Post of Uxbridge.

Commonwealth Fife and Drum Corps sponsored by Uxbridge; Odd Fellow and Rebekahs of Uxbridge float; Sons of Pioneers float; color guard and marching unit of the Walter F. Wesgon Post, Polish-American Veterans Inc. of Uxbridge; Capt. James Buxton Fife and Drum Corp of Uxbridge, and float sponsored by the Uxbridge Progressive Club; antique oil truck from F. Frabotta and Sons Inc. of Uxbridge; the 11-27 Radio Club of Millis float.

Antiques, Too

Mendon Brothers of the Brush float, Daughters of the Pioneers parade of fashion, old-fashioned baby carriage by the Daughters of the Pioneers, Nipmuc Tribe Band, Order of Redmen of Southbridge.

Redmen marching unit; Redmen float; fire apparatus representing Mendon, Hopedale, Milford, Upton, Northbridge, Uxbridge, Millville, Blackstone, Bellingham; color guard from Marshall-Leland Post, American Legion, of Upton; Mar-Lees drill team of Upton; Mendon-Upton Elementary School Band.

Color guard from Delisle-Goulet Post, American Legion, of Grafton; Upton Bloomers Girls float; antique fire truck from South Worcester County Voiture; Hopkinton Chapter, New England Family Campers' Association float; color from Upton Veterans of Foreign Wars Post; Whirley-ettes drum and baton corps of Pascoag, R.I.; Boy Scout Troop 132 of Upton; teen-age pioneers marching unit; Gemini Eights Square Dance Club float; Franklin Junior High School Band.

Color guard and hand drawn hose cart of Upton; Franklin Barbershop Quartet Association float; antique auto owned by Mr. and Mrs. Wesley Rogers; color guard from Walter H. Tillotson Post, American Legion, Hopedale; Hopedale Junior-Senior High School Band; Pacemakers' drill team of Newburyport; Roger L. Wood Post, American Legion of Mendon float; Nipmuc Marine float; color guard and marching unit of the Veterans of Foreign Wars Post of Hopedale.

Milford High Band

The 18th Army Band of Fort Devens; Union Church of Hopedale float, Richard Bethal Landscaping float; WMRC antique automobile; Anticker-ers of Milford antique automobile; color guard and marching unit of the Sgt. John W. Powers Post, American Legion, of Milford; Milford High School band; Miss Massachusetts, sponsored by the Milford Chamber of Commerce; Cub Scouts, Pack 1 of Mendon, float.

Animal Farm Float

Framingham and Milford Musicians Band; color guard and marching unit from the Arnold Spencer Post, American Legion, of Bellingham; Bellingham Memorial Junior-Senior High School Band; Brothers of the Brush and Belles of Hubbardston float; Brothers of the Brush Kangaroo Court of Hubbardston float; Clan MacPhearson Bagpipe Band of Lawrence; Tri-City Council, Commercial Travelers of America float; Southwick Wild Animal Farm float.

Color guard and marching unit from North Worcester County 40 and 8 Voiture; Rockets Drum and Bugle Corps of Auburn; marching unit of Cub Scout Pack 1 of St. Paul's, Blackstone; antique automobile owned by Louis Realini of Franklin; three antique automobiles owned by Lloyd McCrum of Hopedale; antique automobile from Michael Yanski and Robert Copeland of Mendon, Medfield drill team, antique fire truck from Shelley Vincent; antique automobile owned by Everett Jackson of Milford; Mendon-Upton Junior High School band.

Color guard from John Mateychuk Post, American Legion, of Manchaug; Massachusetts Lancers sponsored by Milford Chamber of Commerce; Ox-cart float by Taft Family Association; ox-cart sponsored by Clayton Parkingson; conestoya wagon by Daughters of the Pioneers; horses ridden by Barbara Davenport and Charlene Barrows; horse and surrey by Daughters of the Pioneers; two-horse express wagon from Walter Beal; horse-drawn buggy from First Baptist Church; four-wheeled pony cart from Scott-Ahearn.

Ox-team by Lowell's Dairy; two horses ridden by Mr. and Mrs. Richard Ferrucci; two mounted horses by Everett Jackson of Milford; three mounted horses by Miss Alice Killian of Mendon; ox-drawn wagon from Clarence Bagly of Mendon, horse and buggy by Daughters of the Pioneers.

More Events Planned For "Mendon 300"

Celebration Opens With Pageant At Nipmuc School

MENDON — Henry Clough, 300th anniversary general committee chairman has announced the final schedule of events for the celebration week in June.

With the celebration rapidly approaching the committee will meet next Monday night at 7.30 at the town hall to approve the schedule and hear reports of all various committee chairmen.

The opening of the celebration will be Thursday June 22 at 8 p.m. with the presentation of the Town's Historical Pageant at the Nipmuc Regional High School auditorium. It will be presented again at 7 p.m. Friday.

A Young People's Dance will be held Friday June 23 from 7-30 to 11.30 at the Lakeview ballroom.

Scheduled events for Saturday June 24, begin with a sports program from 9 to 12 a.m. at the Center School grounds.

Program will include field day events for boys and girls of Mendon. A long distance road race will be open to residents of Mendon, Bellingham, Blackstone, Hopedale, Milford, Millville, Northbridge, Upton and Uxbridge, which once made up the original town of Mendon.

From 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. the following buildings will be open for viewing; 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, of Main street and the Taft Public Library, Main street.

A House and Historical Sites Tour will be held from 1 to 5 p.m. with headquarters at the town hall. Firemen's muster will be held at 2 p.m. at the Center School grounds. 300th anniversary banquet will be at 6.30 p.m. at the Lakeview Ballroom. Reservations for the banquet have been sold out for the past few months with a long waiting list for cancelations.

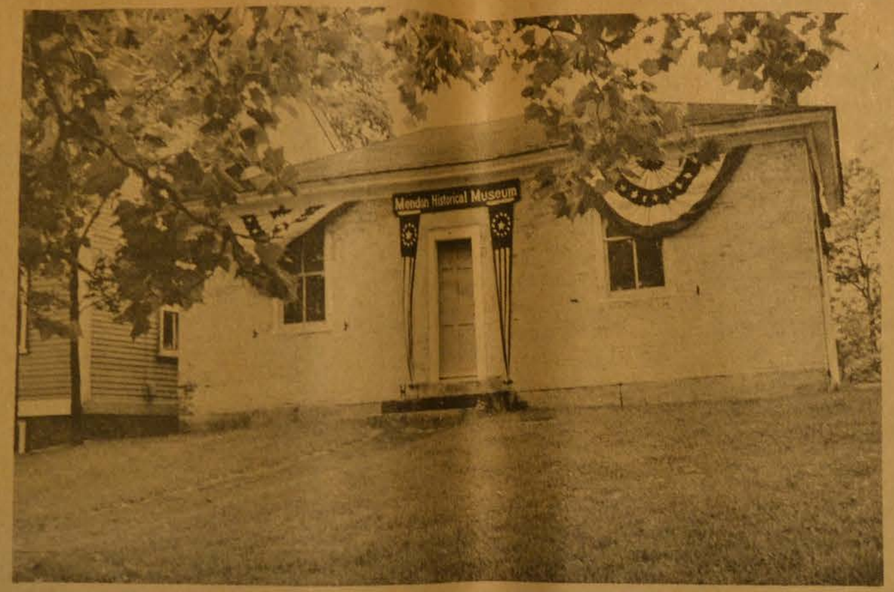
Sunday, June 25 begins with morning church services at all local churches. At 11 a.m. the Ecumenical Religious Service will be held at the Nipmuc Regional High School and at 2 p.m. the 300th anniversary parade will march from Lakeview Park to the Center School.

A Band Concert will begin at 8 p.m. at Lakeview followed by fireworks at 10 p.m. which will conclude the town's anniversary celebration.

Mendon Historical Society Museum
Mendon, Massachusetts

40,000 Expected At Mendon's 300th Anniversary "Party" This Week

TERCENTENNIAL sign on Route 16 at Providence road intersection advertises town's celebration to motorists. Several of the signs have been placed on highways around the town.



DECORATING IN MENDON is underway in preparation for a weekend of activities climaxing the 300th anniversary celebration. Building here with flag bunting is the Historical Society Museum. (Daily News Photos)

110 Units In Parade Sunday

By LOUISE WHEELER

MENDON — After months of preparation, this small but robust community is ready for the climax of its 300th anniversary celebration, opening with an historical pageant at Nipmuc Regional High School auditorium at 8 p. m. Thursday.

Before the four-day observance is over, the town will experience a series of "events," including a parade Sunday with 110 marching units, the largest lineup ever seen in the Milford area.

Upwards of 40,000 are expected to pour into the town from outlying communities to view the long line of floats, marching units, bands, antique cars and horse-drawn vehicles.

The parade will last three hours, stepping off at 2 p. m. sharp. The line of march will proceed down route 16 to the Center School, North ovenue. All units will form at 1 p. m.

Major Bruce Thomas, grand marshal will lead the line of march followed by State policemen ,town policemen, John F. X. Davoren, speaker of the House; Selectmen from Mendon and the daughter towns of Hopedale, Milford, Upton, Northbridge, Uxbridge, Millville, Blackstone, and Bellingham riding in open cars. Senior citizens will be followed by floats, bands, color guards, a parade of fashions, marching and drill units, and fire apparatus from area towns. Miss Massachusetts will ride mid-way in the parade, sponsored by the Milford Chamber of Commerce.

Chief of Police Raymond Rogers has secured over 100 area area policemen to assist him in handling the large crowds. Cruiser ambulance from Bellingham, Norfol, Millis, Millville, Hopedale and Upton will be available. Three state police on motor cycles and two register of motor vehicle officers will also assist.

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Rain Ending Tonight, Cloudy, Warmer Wed.

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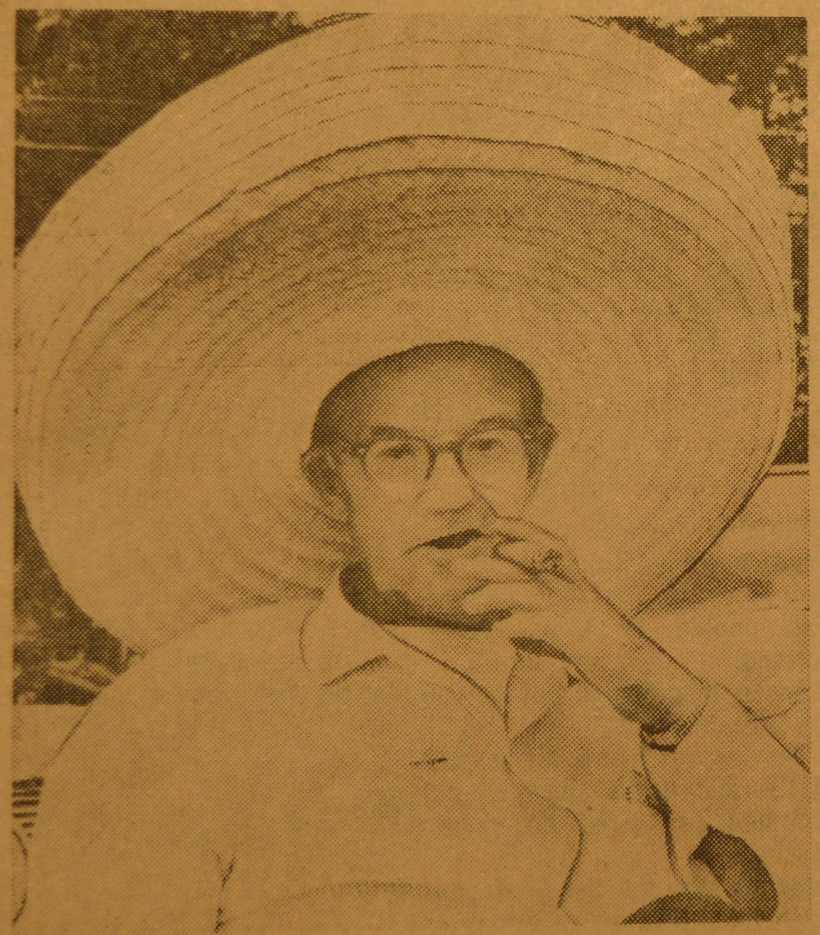

Parade Highlights Mendon's 300th Anniversary

MENDON — Participants and spectators shared in the excitement of yesterday's parade here, celebrating Mendon's 300th anniversary. A Mendon family of three showed spectators an economical way of travel, and a man on the parade route, Joseph A. Naudon of Northbridge, found plenty of shade under his king-sized sombrero. (Story and other pictures are on pages 1 and 9.)

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WINS GAME

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day's heat was too much
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way to a 47-8 victory in
annual Jimmy Fund bas
game at Memorial Field

Tour Of Historical Homes In Mendon This Saturday

MENDON — House and Sites tour of Historical homes and buildings will be offered to visitors and residents Saturday June 24. Homes will be toured between 1 and 5 p.m. with public buildings open from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Many of the sites are located on lengthy North avenue. The Louis Gomez home is one of the original home-sites at the time of settlement. The Torrey family lived in a house that stood just south-east of the present one. The latter was built by David Wood Bennett about 1842, used for shoe making at one time.

Dr. Ronald Lukert home,built about 1723 by Captain William Torrey, originally a salt-box. The Aldrich family owned the property from 1875 to 1962. Featured in the home are some of the original furnishings, hardware, panels and shutters.

The Morrison home and bootery, Providence street is Cape Cod style, framed of heavy timbers and pegged together. In December of 1882 Sumner Ballou sold the property to Daniel Thurber. A granddaughter of Thurbers, related that her grandmother used to wave out the back door to the stage coach as it came up the hill to Providence street. The boot shop displays many tools once used by Daniel Thurber II who ran a thriving shoe business according to old records.

Dr. and Mrs. Raymond Thomas home was built by Caleb Hayward in 1820. He was a a prominent lawyer who practiced in the present Record Room.

His brother Ebenezar came from Boston in 1825 to serve as cashier of the Mendon bank, the present Historical Museum. Not completed he set up business in the northeast parlor in order to keep the franchise. Funds were kept in a china closet with a cheap lock until the building was finished.

The Benjamin Chaleki home was built in 1779 by Darius Daniels and very few changes have been made with authenticity being preserved by the present owners.

A 1966 deck home of Dr. and Mrs. Albert LeMarbe shows a great contrast with an approach to contemporary building, featuring natural red cedar beamed cathedral ceilings.

Public buildings will include St. Michael's Parish, ElementarySchool, Historical Museum, Baptist Church, Taft Public Library, Unitarian Church and the Chestnut Hill Meeting House.

Founders Park is the site of the first three meeting houses with the Ammidon Tavern, built in 1789, across the street. Just beyond the Morrison's home lies a stone marking the place where several settlers died at the hands of Indians in July of 1675.

A tour will be made of the OL Cemetery, Quaker Cemetery and the Pine Hill Cemetery. Also the Taft Monument, and the Old Town Pound.

A brochure will be given to each visitor containing a list of sites plus a map of directions. The Town Hall will be the headquarters of the tour and tickets will be available at the hall and each open house.

Brush Assn. Meeting In Mendon

MENDON — Mendham Brush Association met at the Legion Home with 40 members attending. A letter was received from the selectmen, commending the association on its many activities in connection with the town's anniversary celebration.

The Brothers have accepted an invitation from the Millville Legion to participate in its annual Memorial Day parade. A float and group of marchers in full costume will represent the association.

Anothr invitation was received and accepted from Westboro to participate in its 250th anniversary parade the first week in June.

A men's social will be held May 6 at the VFW in Hopedale at 6.30 p.m. for members of the Brush Association only.

Brothers will participate in the 300th anniversary pageant, to be held June 22 and 23. They will perform a skit reproducing a 1773 town meeting from the original minutes.

Elden Barrows, president, extended thanks on behalf of the association to George Phipps, Duane Nelson and Gaynor Nelson of the walk-a-thon committee and Irvine Broome, Thomas Guerra and Charles Salvia, of the dinner dance committee.

Anouncements were made as follows, a card was received from "Brother" and Mrs. Richard Ferrucci, while on their honeymoon in South Carolina.

Westboro Brush is sponsoring a dance May 5 at the Indian Meadows Country Club. Anyone desiring tickets can contact Elden Barrows.

The marathon softball committee will meet at the Legion Home tomorrow night at 8. The next meeting of the Brush Association will be May 9 at the Legion Home.

In the Nipmuk Regional School parking lot the Mendham Brothers of the Brush gateered and decorated the cars that escorted them on their trek.

Mendham Brothers Complete Fifteen-Mile Saturday Stroll

MENDON — A tired and weary group of 28 members of the Mendham Brothers of the Brush, paced their way into the Veterans Post Legion on Route 16 after hiking over 15 miles in celebration of their tri-centennial anniversary.

The brothers, formed as a part of the celebration of the small town, were led by committeemen chairmen George Phipps and Duane Nelson. They met at the Mendon Town Hall early this morning and, after forming a motor calvacade of more than 15 cars, they visited eight towns, which according to history, were once a part of Mendham, before separating to form new towns back in the 1600's.

Traveling with their wives and children, and dressed in the costume of their forefathers, the brothers left in a line of cars for the towns of Bellingham, Blackstone, Millville, Uxbridge, and Northbridge. At each of these valley towns, the calvacade stopped to meet town officials.

Traveling ahead of schedule, the Brothers of the Brush gathered for lunch at a local dairy before beginning their 15 mile walk to the towns of Upton, Milford and Hopedale.

Congregating at the Nipmuc Regional High School, the members of the association, carbed in beards, double breasted top coats and top hats, and carrying such weapons as muskets, which were used three centuries ago, they walked to the neighborhood town of Upton, down Route 140 to Milford, and back Route 16 to Mendon, as a tribute to the areas that were once a part of their town.

Stopping for a short time in the Draper Park in Milford, the brothers were joined by Milford Selectman John Donlon who walked with them to Hopedale and were there joined and escorted by the town police and Hopedale Selectmen William Gannett and C. Victor Pepper, who walked with them to the Mendon town line.

During the day's activities, four subpoenas to the kangaroo court, a specially appointed bureau of justice for the anniversary, were issued. Charges of wearing no buttons, which recognize them as Brothers of the Brush, were brought against Phillip Harding, Thomas Guerra, Shirley Phipps, and Ernest Lavallee. These residents will appear before the brothers in a court session on a time to be announced.

Steward Appleby and Ellery Taft, Keystone Kops, hold defendant Daniel Barnes, after dragging him out of a local Mendon barber shop and bringing him to court to face trial for attempting to have his moustache shaved off.

250th Year Celebration

Mendon Holds Kangaroo Court

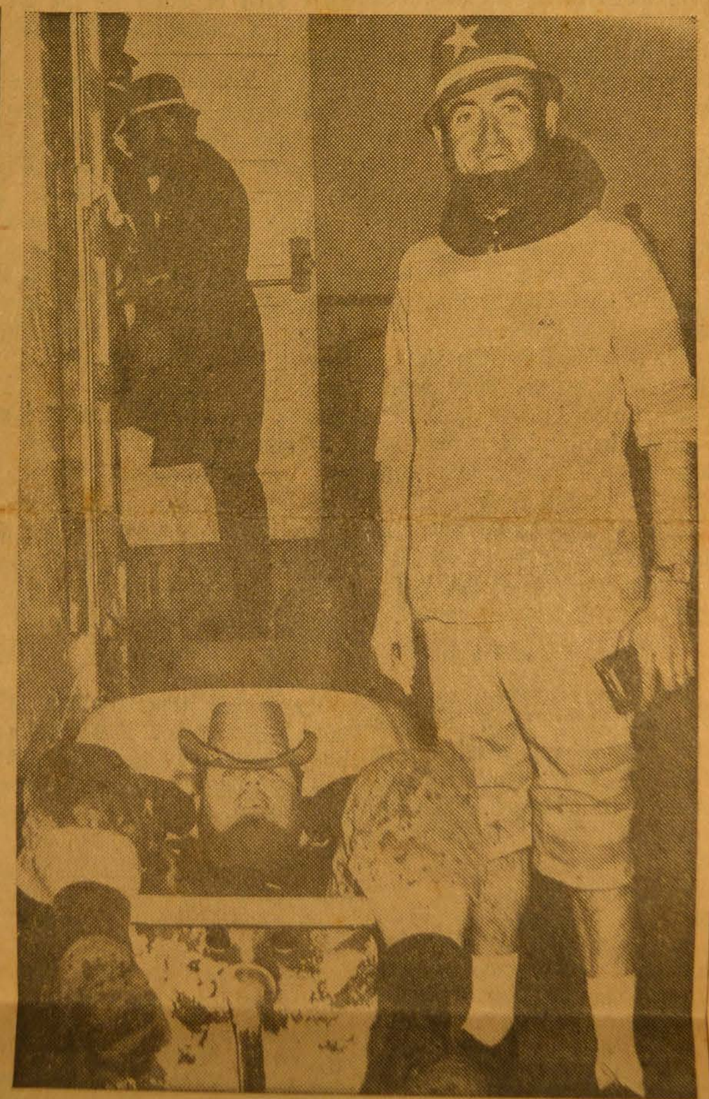
MENDON — Over 250 persons filled the outdoor courtroom at the Kangaroo Court held outside the town hall Saturday evening.

Bailiff Donald Kearsley banged a gavel and shouted a "hear ye, hear ye, hear ye — the dishonorable Mendon Kangaroo Court is now in its first unlimited session in three hundred years," and as Judge Howard Miller emerged from the hall and took his place on the bench, court was officially in session.

Humor and good sportsmanship prevailed throughout the entire session as men and women were brought forth by Keystone Kops to stand trial for their crimes which ranged from being habitual badge violators to swimming out of season.

Amusement Obvious

Presented by the Mendham Brothers of the Brush as part of the quarter-centennial celebration, the majority of men, women, and children were dressed as their great-great-grandparents might have appeared three hundred years ago. Long dresses, bonnets, top hats, and double breasted top coats were scattered among the spectators whose amusement was obvious by their steady stream of laughter.



Leo Lovely, charged with swimming out of season at Mendon, was found guilty and ordered to take a swim in a nearby bath tub as life guard Ellery Taft stands by.

Puns were the key notes to the script centered around an inane humor that probably could well have been the tone of the courtroom before established justice as we know it today was developed — for example, order, order in the court — salami on rye with extra pickles, please.

During the session, town selectmen were brought forth and were tried for spending public funds. They were found guilty and Timothy Giatis, Arthur Wiersma, and Kenneth Taylor were sentenced to manual labor — washing the windows of the lower town hall and sweeping the street in front of the town record room.

Other Cases

Other cases tried during the session involved John Quirk and Harold Lowell. Quirk was charged with shaving his beard and when arrested, Lowell paid his bail with a pair of pajama bottoms. Both were found guilty and sentenced accordingly — Quirk forced to wear a false beard for the night, and Lowell to wear the pajama bottoms in question for the rest of the evening.

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

Hackenson was sentenced to sell 50 sheets of bathroom tissue for a penny a piece to 50 different persons, to be carried out before the court adjourned. He completed his sentence and gained the distinguished title of TSS — Tissue Salesman Supreme.

Found Not Guilty

Four women, Ann Leoncini, Mary Auty, Ellen Worster, and Madeline Taft were found not guilty on a charge of attempted assault on one of the Keystone Kops and locking him in his own jail. The ladies defended themselves with the excuse that they were "only trying to put some life into the celebration. They wanted to add to the fun and festivity of the celebration."

They were given the chance at that time when the court ordered them to sing a song about the centennial celebration written by the brothers of the brush. Their performance was well received by the audience who showed their approval by a strong round of applause.

The trial was climaxed by a commotion which turned the heads of everyone up the street to where the Keystone Kops were dragging a man from a local barber shop toward the town hall.

Dan Barnes was brought before the judge, face lathered and still wearing a barber's cape. He was charged and found guilty of attempting to have his moustache shaved off, but before he was sentenced, the prosecuting and defense attorneys, Phillip Harding and Phillip Labastie, respectively, rushed forth with cream pies and threw them at Barnes and the judge, striking them in their faces.

Bailiff Kearsley then stepped forward and shouted, "court is adjourned."

PROGRAM BOOK DEDICATED — The Mendon 300th Anniversary program book has been dedicated to Chairman Henry Clough. The dedication took place on the lawn of the Clough home Saturday morning. Clough was unaware that the book had been dedicated to him until members of the committee arrived at his home. In foreground are Mr. and Mrs. Clough and Selectman Kenneth Taylor who made the presentation. Looking on in the background are, from left, J. Gerard Sweeney of the program committee; Harry York, program committee; Charles Olten, Charlescraft Press, printers of the book; Henry Twitchell, Mrs. Mary Ames and Joseph Taylor, also of the program committee. The booklet is on sale at Danny's Variety Store and Lowells Dairy. (Daily News Photo)

Mendon 300th Anniversary Booklet Being Distributed

MENDON — The 300th anniversary souvenir booklet has arrived and is available at the general store and will also be sold house - to - house by members of the Daughters of the Pioneers.

The booklet is dedicated to Henry Clough, general committee chairman, "The man who made the celebration possible"

A map of Mendon and its offspring towns of Milford, Hopedale, Blackstone, Millville, Upton, Northbridge, Uxbridge and Bellingham is featured on the cover of the 132 page booklet.

Twenty - seven pages are devoted to the Historical account of Mendon complied and written by the Historical Society including Peter Hackett of Northbridge, chairman; Miss Florence Aldrich, Mrs. A. Sumner Coleman, Mrs. Vestella [illegible]els, Lewis Holbrook, Mrs [illegible]d Hummel and Mrs. Joy[illegible]an.

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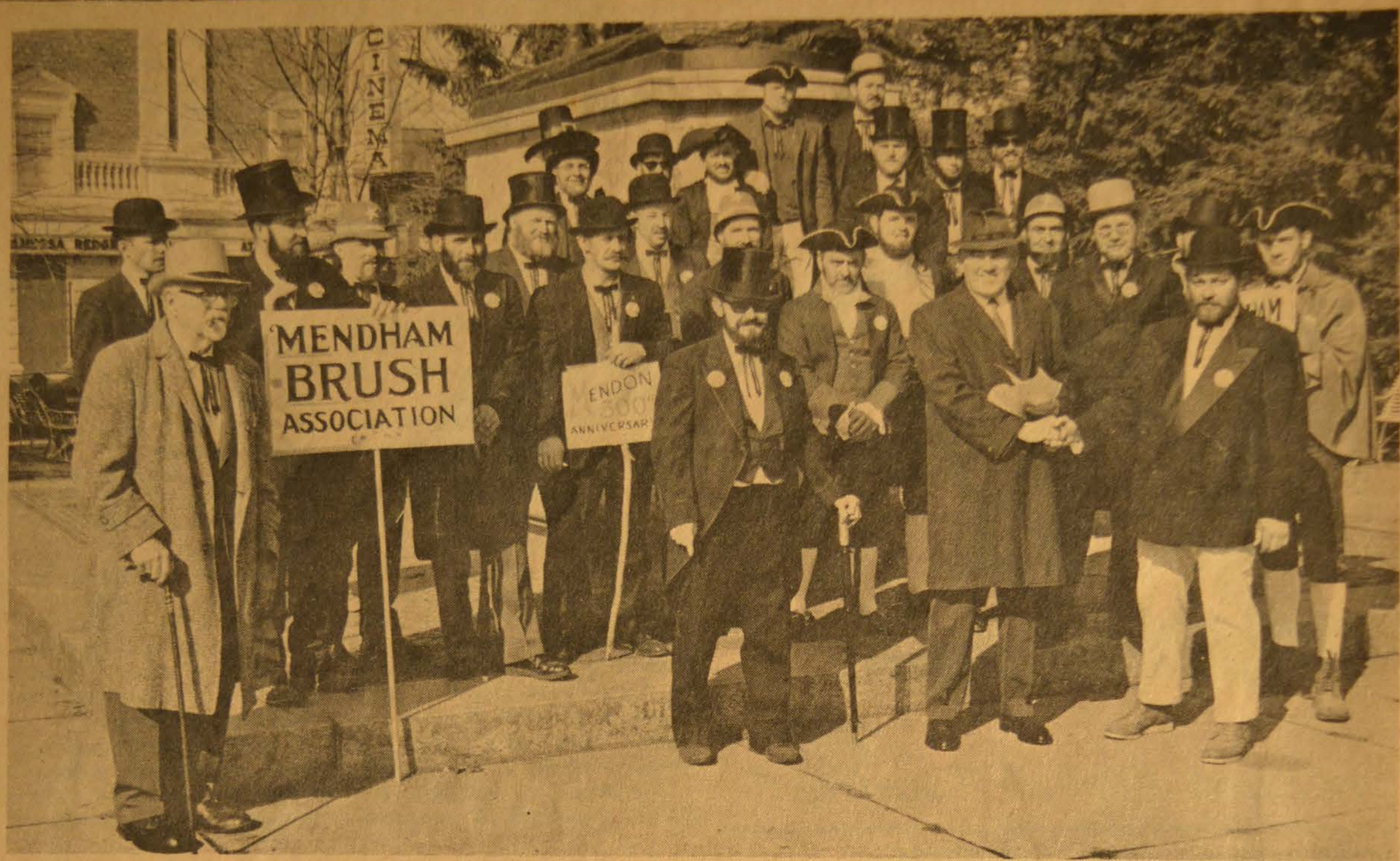
Washington Visited

Mendon is rich in history with its farmsteads, many which still operate today. The Philip Ammidown Tavern, now an apartment house is well known for the fact that George Washington and his staff almost stopped there, but continued on to Uxbridge instead.

The booklet also includes pictures, dates and statistics of all important buildings and departments in the town.

Short artifles written by Dr. Ronald Allison Lukert and Stanley Gardner are also included. All commit[illegible] who have worked fo[illegible] celebra[illegible] with Grant, Gloria Hogarth, Ruth Kearsley, Edwina Lamothe, Margaret Parkinson, Lawrence Pezzella, Raymond Ricard, Earl Rogers, Ernest Souls, Myla Thayer, Henry Twitchell and Harry York.



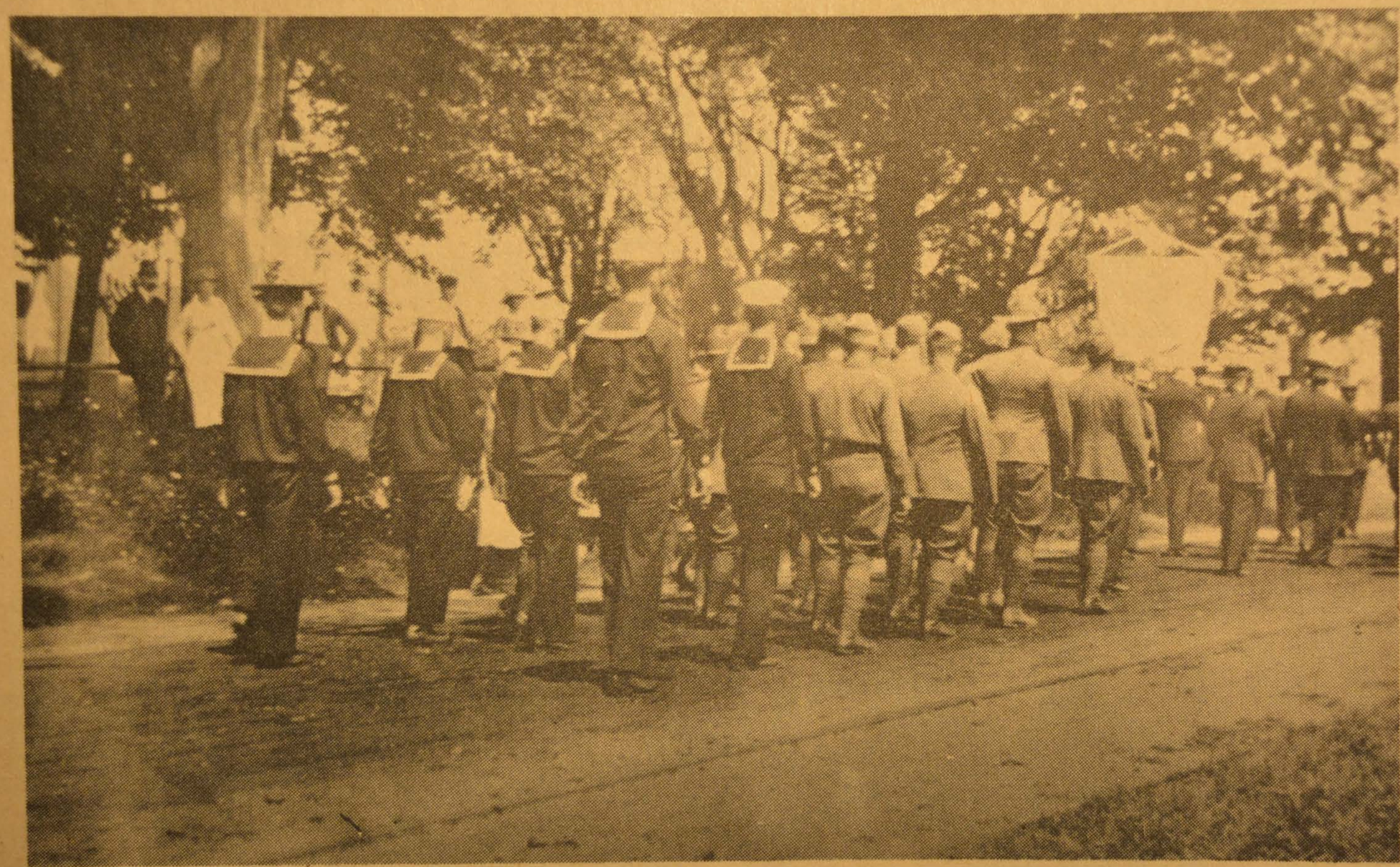
MARCH THROUGH MILFORD — Milford Selectman James Donlon, top photo, receives invitation to 300th anniversary celebration in Mendon from George Phipps, right, chairman of the march through Upton, Milford and Hopedale Saturday. At left is Eldon Barrows, Mendham Brush Assn. president. In lower photo, marchers 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)

Remember when the MENDON POSTOFFICE was located here?

The RED CROSS WELCOME HOME PARADE of 1919, in Mendon.

Pictures for the Mendon section courtesy of
MR. JOHN LUNDVALL of Mendon
MRS. BARBARA ELLIS of Milford
MRS. MYLA THAYER of Bellingham

The OLD MENDON TAVERN on Main Street. Some say George Washington stopped here, too.



SAILORS and SOLDIERS marching in the Welcome Home Parade of 1919, in Mendon.

Entrance, Lake Nipmuc Park, Mendon, Mass.

ENTRANCE TO LAKE NIPMUC PARK in the days when families and friends rode the trolley over for an all day affair.

The OLD ADAMS HOUSE on Hastings Street. In the early days it was a prominent inn and according to some George Washington stayed here.

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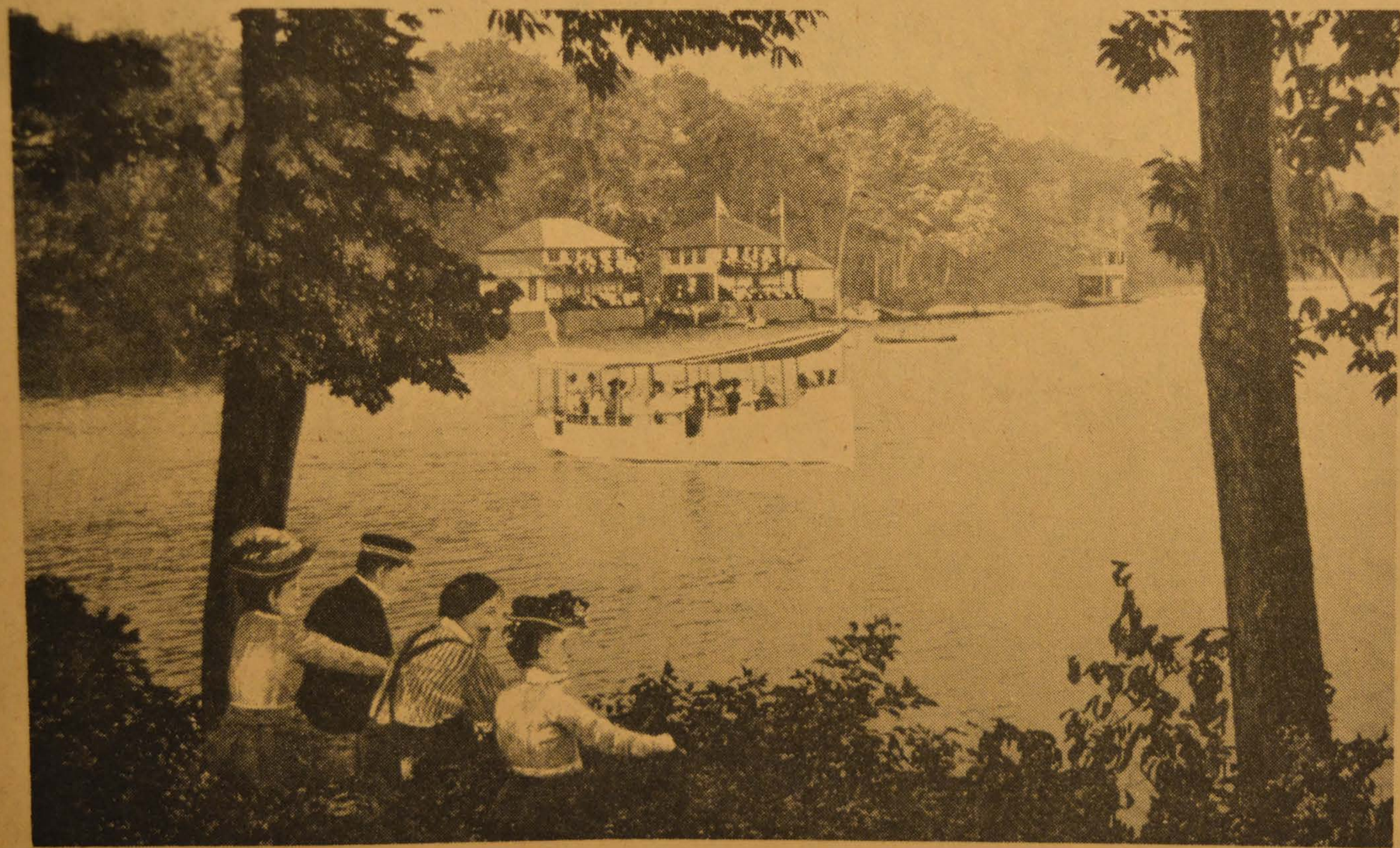
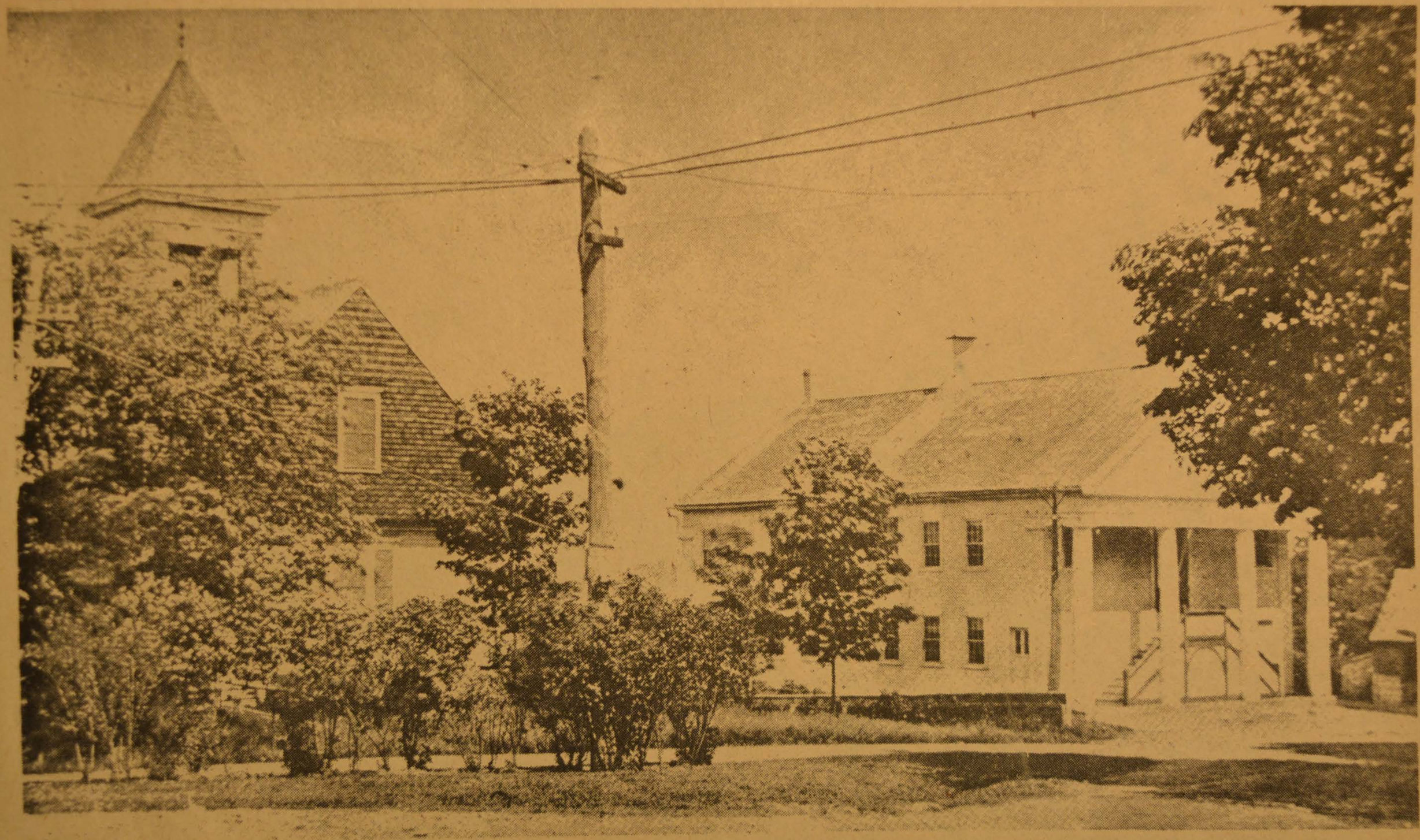
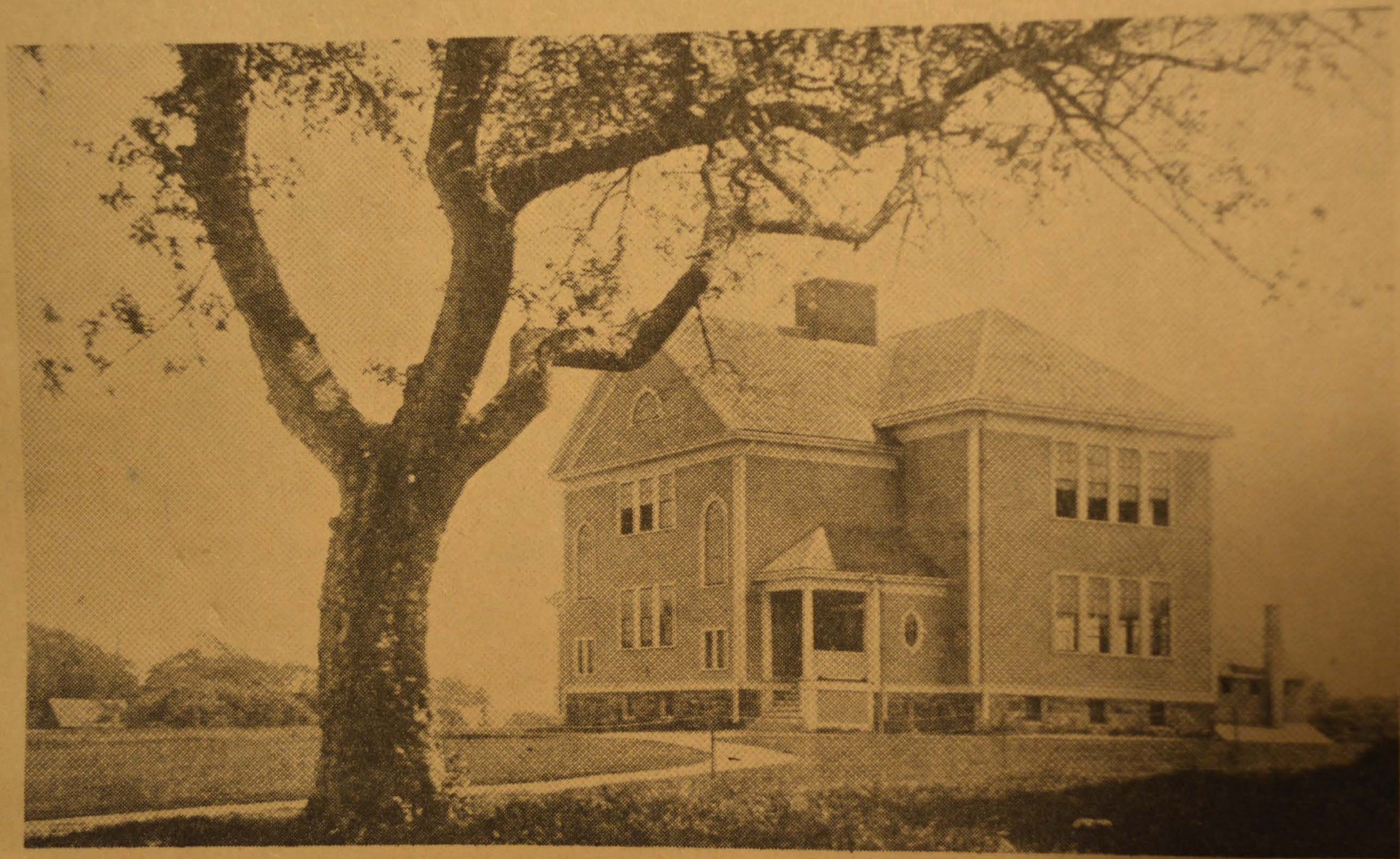


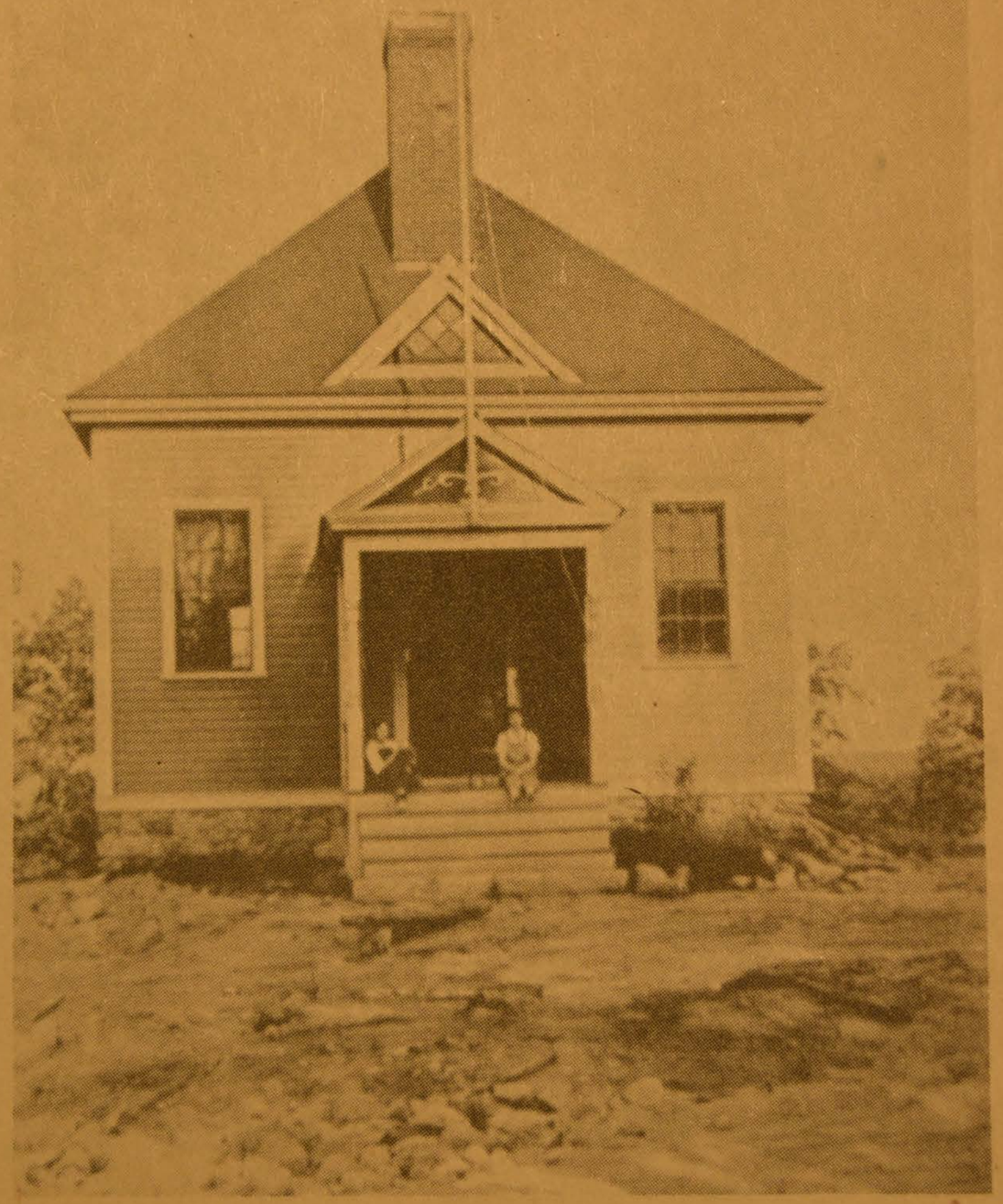
NIPMUC CANOE CLUB HOUSE on beautiful Lake Nipmuc in Mendon.



The TOWN HALL and UNION CHAPEL on Main Street. The Chapel has since been made over into a Library.



The MENDON GRADE SCHOOL on North Avenue.



Above is the EAST MENDON SCHOOL on Bates Street,
which was built around 1898 and housed grades 1-8.

A PROUD TEACHER and HER PUPILS on the front steps of the East Mendon School.

To Film Mendon Celebration

MENDON — Mendon's 300th anniversary celebration highlights will be captured in 15 mm full color sound movie by the Regent Film Productions of Rocky Hill, Conn. The filming has been set up by the anniversary general committee and will cost in the vicinity of $900, lasting more than an hour.

Representatives of the film company will arrive Friday to begin filming segments of the tercentennial pageant at the Nipmuc Regional High School at 7 p. m. Segments of the sports p rogram, firemen's muster, banquet and town buildings will be shot on Saturday. The ecumenical service, parade and band concert will be featured Sunday. The Mendham Brush association will conduct a session of the Kangaroo court, Saturday, which will also be included in the movie.

This movie will be available to organizations and clubs for a small rental fee. It will serve as a living reminder of one of the largest events in the town's history.

Step Right Up, Folks

Mendon's General Store Drifts Back Into History

MENDON — Step right up folks—this may be your last chance to shop at a truly old-time cracker barrel store.

Mendon's General Store, opened up in connection with the town's 300th anniversary is nearing its final days, and it's worth a visit.

It was set up as headquarters for supplies and souvenirs, and Frank Phillips is designated as official storekeeper. Dressed as his own ancestors did, wearing an arm band, a vest, bow tie and top hat, Phillips, with his handlebar mustache and goatee, presents a picture of time gone by.

Articles on sale include tri-corned hats, derbies, straw hats, white Pilgrim bonnets, ruffled aprons, capes and even double-breasted suits, which are now coming back into vogue.

A display tabel has souvenir booklets, b u m p e r stickers, arm bands, and garters, souvenir pins, paper weights, pen holders and many other items.

Special attractions are the Indian head name pins, designed by the late Al Banx, cartoonist for The Worcester Telegram and The Evening Gazette.

Open from 7 to 9 p.m. Thursday and from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, the general store is also the central headquarters for schedules of events for the 300th anniversary celebration.

Tickets to all events are on sale, as well as news stories about meetings and functions of the Daughters of the Pioneers and the Mendham Brothers of the Brush.

The store is sponsored by the Financial Committee of the Tercentennial Committee, under the direction of J o s e p h Taylor, chairman.

With only a few days of life left, the store has already "been a great success," says Taylor.

Profits will help defray celebration expenses.

300th Mendon Anniversary Committee Furthers Plans

MENDON — The general committee for the 300th town anniversary held an enthusiastic meeting last evening with 25 members present. Henry G. Clough, general chairman presided.

The committee voted to form a "Brothers of the Brush" group and Eldon barrows and Phil Harding were appointed co - chairmen. An organizational meeting was held last Thursday at the New England Stock House with 10 men attending.

Any male 21 years of age and older is eligible to join, providing he is a resident of Mendon.

It was proposed by the men who attended to start growths of beards Jan. 1, and those members who do not abide by the rules could pay a fee of one dollar to obtain a shaving permit. No definite rules have been made yet.

Richard Childs, chairman of the fireworks committee stated that a contract was signed with Interstate Fireworks Company for $1,000 for a fireworks display.

Finance committee chairman Joseph Taylor reported that the committee had voted to present the first registered coin to General Chairman, Henry G. Cough, and coin number 300 would go into the Achives of the Town Historical Building.

To Mint Coin

The Blackington Company of Attleboro is making the commemorative bronze and silver coin for the anniversary.

The coin will have the seal of the town on one side with 300th anniversary 1967 printed, and the reverse side will have a

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Mendon

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picture of the beginning of King Philip Indian War.

The bronze coin will cost two dollars each, and the Sterling silver coin will cost $7.50 each. Orders are already being taken and many people are trying to seek the registered numbered sterling silver coins.

Milford Area Coin Club will help the committee with publicity for the coins. Pictures of the coins will be published in "Coin World" as well as local newspapers.

A tile will also be among the souvenirs for the anniversary. The tile will have the picture of the First Meeting House and clearing of forest.

Price of tiles has not been disclosed.

Frank Dudley, chairman of the Banquet committee announced the Banquet would be held at Lakeview Ballroom and would be catered by Pats Catering Service from Uxbridge

The committee are making plans to have a prominent speaker at the banquet.

To Decorate Town

Chairman John Hoggarth of the Decorating committee met with a representative from the Rojee Decorating Company in Medway in regard to a price, for Town Decorations.

The following buildings will be decorated for the anniversary: Mendon Historical Building, Record Room, Town Hall, Town Barn, Fire Station, Library, War Memorial, Founders Park, Old Soldiers Memorial, Elementary School, including the new wing, and a reviewing stand.

It was decided by the general committee to have the decorating committee obtain prices from other companies before contracting a firm.

The souvenir booklet committee under the chairmanship of J. Gerard Sweeney reported he has been having fine results from businessmen in reagrd to sponsorship for the Centennial Booklet. One thousand letters have been sent out to prospective sponsors.

Chairman of the former residents committee Henry Twitchell would like the cooperation, of the townspeople in regard to locating former residents. A letter will be drawn up and sent to those former residents telling about the program for the anniversary and souvenirs, that can be purchased.

The meeting was adjourned at 9.30 p.m. The next meeting of the general committee will be held Jan. 9 in which the budget for the anniversary will be discussed.

School Menu

Mrs. Virginia Rogers, Center school cafeteria manager announces the menu for the remainder of the week: Wednesday: Vegetable beef stew, peanut butter sandwich, carrot sticks, fruit cup; Thursday: Spaghtti with meat sauce and cheese, French bread and butter, lettuce with oil, peanut-butter cookies. Friday: School baked beans, fish sticks with tartar sauce, carrot - cabbage cole slaw, pan rolls, Bavarian-apricot creme. A half pint of whole milk is served with each meal. Menus are subject to change without notice.

News Briefs

The Sport's Committee for the 300th anniversary will hold a meeting this evening at 7.30 p.m. in Town Hall.

American Legion of Roger L. Wood Post will hold a meeting tonight at the Post Home at 8 p.m.

The Woman's Auxiliary members and townspeople are being asked to bring one dollar gifts for Veterans, Veteran's wives and children to the home of Mrs. Arlene Taylor or call Mrs. Maurice Durocher, President. Gifts are to be brought unwrapped, but bring wrapping paper with gift. Unbreakable gifts are not desired.

Chairman Daniel Barnes has called a meeting of the Parish Committee tonight at 7.30 in the church.

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Mendon massacre by Indians in 1675 is depicted on reverse side (right), and the town seal will be on the face of a coin to be issued next June.

Indian Murders Triggered King Philip War

300th Anniversary Coin To Depict Massacre In Mendon

MENDON — A scene depicting the massacre of Mendon residents July 14, 1675, which triggered the King Philip War, has been chosen for the reverse side of the 300th anniversary commemorative coin to be issued this coming June when the town marks the anniversary with a three - day program.

The scene was chosen in recognition and awareness of the significance of this event in the history of Massachusetts, and the town of Mendon, the committee says.

Town Destroyed

The murder of these peaceable and hardy Mendon settlers triggered the onslaught of King Philip's War in the Massachusetts Bay Colony.

The first meeting house, erected in 1668, and all the other buildings in the settlement were burned by the Indians. Mendon was completely destroyed.

The Town Seal, unique in its own right, which depicts a scene of appropriately local significance has been chosen for the reverse side of the commemorative coin. The Indian is representative of the Nipmuck Tribe from whom the settlers purchased the Netmocke Plantation.

The following inscription can be found on a weather - worn marker erected on a small triangle of land in the southeastern section of Mendon, Massachusetts:

The Son of John Rockwood
And Other Inhabitants of
Mendon
Were Killed by Nipmuck
Indians 14 July 1675
The Beginning of King
Philips' War
In the Colony of Massachusetts

The committee said it was with great pleasure and pride, that the Mendon 300th Anniversary Committee issued this medallion as the Official Commerative Coin of its celebration in June of 1967.

The 1½ inch diameter medallion by V. H. Blackinton and Co., Inc., Attleboro Falls, Mass. will be available in bronze for two dollars and a limited quantity of serially numbered silver issue for seven dollars and fifty cents each.

Orders may be placed now, for delivery in January, 1967 from the Mendon 300th Anniversary Committee, Box 300, Mendon, Mass. 01756.

Souvenir Program For Mendon

MENDON — J. Gerard Sweeney, chairman of the committee in charge of the 300th anniversary souvenir program, will have his committee prepare a suitable booklet for the townspeople and those in the surrounding towns. The book will carry a short history of the town, entire program of the three - day celebration, June 23, 24, 25, 1967, and list names of all those serving on committees for the celebration.

Those on the important committee are Harry York, James Grant, Fred Bagg, Ruth Kearsley, Edwina Lamothe, Gloria Hogarth, Dorothy Durocher Joseph Bradley, Raymond Ricard Stuart Applebey, George Gardner, Mary Ames, Myle Thayer and Miss Florence Aldrich.

Mr. Sweeney states that if there is anyone who would like to help on the committee to give him a call as there is much work to be done to make this souvenir program a success.

The 300th anniversary finance committee is seeking volunteers to work at the newly opened General Store on Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Thursday nights from 7 to 9 p. m. Anyone who can clerk at the store is asked to contact Mrs. Arthur Sabatinelli or Mrs. Vernon Barrows at their home.

Quilt Finished In 8 Months

1967

MENDON — Members of the Unitarian Church Kraft Klub have completed the 300th anniversary name quilt after eight months of work. The quilt is the size of a bedspread, with names of residents and former residents, as far away as California, embroidered on colored squares. The quilt is on display at Danny's Variety store. It will be auctioned to the highest bidder of asilent auction.

Each bidder is aske to pace his name and bid on a slip of paper and deposit in a sealed container at the store. The quilt will also be on display Saturday at the Arts and Crafts exhibit at the CenterSchool Saturday. Bids will close at 7 p.m. Sunday.

The following women are responsible for the quilt: Mrs. Joseph Taylor, Mrs. Robert Congdon, Mrs. Henry Clough, Mrs. Gladys Morrison, Mrs. Arthur Paddock, Miss Martha Lowell, Mrs. Everett Goodnow, Miss Edith Lowell, Mrs. Grace Taft and Mrs. Lorna Rhodes.

70 Mendon Women Organize "Daughters Of Pioneers"

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MENDON Seventy women met at the town hall last night and organized a women's group for the town's 300th anniversary to be called "Mendon Daughters of the Pioneers" Mrs. Gloria Hogarth welcomed all women and each introduced her self to the group.

Mrs. Virginia Rogers spoke to the group on some of the Upton Bloomer Girl activities and displayed the bloomers and pin worn by the group.

Mrs. Anne Davenport; chairman of the costume committee for the anniversary spoke on the style of dress worn by women of Mendon 300 years ago.

At that time the dress was mostly of puritan style with white apron, collar and poke bonnet.

Some of the colors were black all shades of brown, French green and deep purples. Mrs. Davenport also gave a brief talk on other style dresses of prints and woven plaids worn in later years.

Mrs. Jean Luskine of the Sun Bonnet Sue's of Medway was unble to attend the meeting.

A frontier style dress of print was shown by Mrs. Melba Armour. The group hopes to make or acquire various types of dresses to be worn for the 3-day observance or any other event held in connection with the anniversary celebration.

The women decided to have an original pin shaped like a bonnet, Mrs. Virginia Rogers will look into the designing and purchasing of the pin and report her findings at the next meeting.

Mrs. Gloria Hogarth of Elm street was elected president and Mrs. Ruth Ann Roy of Washington street as secretary and treasurer. The Daughters voted to pay a membership fee of one dollar to defray the cost of the pins.

.... Any women who were unable to attend the first meeting can sign up by contacting either of the officers. A list of members, and the next meeting date will be announced later.

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Chain of Unity Octave Prayers will be said at St. Michael's Church on Wednesday Jan. 18, and will continue until the feast of the conversion of St. Paul, on Jan. 25.

All Brothers of the Brush are to meet at the town hall from 8 to 8.30 tonight for the distribution of dance tickes.

The Legion will meet tonight at the post home.

Tickets For Mendon Banquet

1/31/67

MENDON — Walter Butler Jr. chairman of the reservation committee for the tercentennial banquet, announces the following procedure for reserving tickets.

Reservations will be opened to Mendon and former Mendon residents as of Feb. 1. Anyone other than a Mendon, or former Mendon resident, must

Reservations may be made by writing to P.O. Box 1967 or by calling the following people.

Chairman Walter Butler Jr., Millville street; Mrs. Patricia Childs, Myrtle street; Mrs. Shirley C. Barnes, Blackstone street Mrs. Susan Byrne, Millville street; Mrs. Ann Drew, Providence street; Mrs. Melba Ar-

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)

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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 Miller, 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.

Parade And Ribbon Cutting Ceremony Held In Mendon

4/17/67

MENDON — over 100 people attended the parade and ribbon cutting ceremony Saturday that officially opened the 300th anniversary General Store to the public.

The store is sponsored by the 300th anniversary finance committee and profits will go towards the expenses of the anniversary celebration in June.

Ceremonies began with a parade of 30 Daughters of the Pioneers, Brothers of the Brush and children marching in full costume from Lowell's Parking lot, down Maple street to Wendell's Barber Shop. The store is located at the rear of the shop.

Joseph Taylor 300th anniversary finance chairman, introduced Henry P. Clough, general committee chairman and Kenneth Taylor, chairman of the selectmen who performed the ribbon cutting ceremony.

Mr. Clough announced the store was officially opened for business. He thanked Wendell Falon for the use of his shop, the finance committee for the work in setting up the store and the brothers, daughters and children, for their participation in the parade.

Daughters marching were Mrs. Edwin Miller, Mrs. Ruth Brownley, Mrs. Douglas Taylor Miss Martha Lowell, Mrs. June Irons, Mrs. Linwood Lowell and Mrs. Leo Tetreault.

Brothers who marched: Edwin Miller, Philip Harding, Rolland Barrows, William Winn, Thomas Irons, Eleary Taft and David Lowell keystone cops.

Eleven children marched as follows: Andrea Hogarth, Peggy and Keith Brownley, Shirley Magliocca, Donna and Deborah Miller, Sandra, Susan and Debra Barnes, Naomi Ruth and Joseph Bradley Jr. .

Philip LaBastie led the parade followed by Elden Barrows, president of the brush and Mr. and Mrs. John Hogarth riding a bicycle built for two. Mrs. Hogarth is president of the daughters.

The store will be open Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Thursdays from 7 to 9 p.m.

Clerking at the opening of the store were Joseph Taylor, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Dowden and Mrs. Alba Deiana.

"Brothers Of Brush" Still Nurse Sore Feet

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MENDON — The "bearded marchers" who made the 14-mile hike through Mendon, Upton, Milford and Hopedale Saturday were still nursing sore feet today. One of the men summed it all up when he said: "I guess we're not in condition."

Three marchers were forced to quit with blisters and the next day it was noted that most of the hikers had to wear sneakers or slippers to comfort their aching feet.

In Hopedale the marchers got a rousing reception from town officials, who treated them to coffee and doughnuts.

Prior to arriving in Hopedale, the contingent gathered at General Draper Park. Chairman of Selectman Louis Bertonazzi was unable to greet the group and Selectman Donlon was summoned.

He responded and marched with the bearded men, who were intercepted at Memorial School on Adin street by selectman from Hopedale.

During the day's activities, four subpoenas to the kangaroo court, a specially appointed bureau of justice for the anniversary, were issued by Stanley Chapin, a "Keystone Cop." Charges of wearing no buttons, which recognize them as Brothers of the Brush, were brought against Phillip Harding, Thomas Guerra, Shirley Phipps, and Ernest Lavalee.

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The boys are planning to walk to Milford, Hopedale and back to Mendon this Thursday.

They will leave the rear of the barber shop at 10 a.m. with Mrs. Robert Klein as chaperone A meeting will be held following the walk at the home of Garry Good.

Other members are Joseph Deluca, William Auty, Allan Auty, Donald Oliver, Paul Kempton, Robert Ambrosino, Edward Kinsley and David Phillips.

Young People's Meeting

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Prizes were donated for the raffel by Fred's Package store Guido's package store, New England Steak House, Bright Oak Club and the Hopedale Italian Club.

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Irvine Broome, dance committee chairman, was assisted by Thomas Guerra and Charles S. Salvia.

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Eight Crimson King Maples and six Japanese lowering-cherry trees will be planted as a reminder of the towns tercentennial year.

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Hold 300th Commemorative Meeting In Mendon Monday

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Hackett read greetings from ex Sen. Leverett Saltonstall, and a telegram from the Braintree Historical Society, congratulating Mendon on the original day of its incorporation 300 years ago.

Henry P. Clough, general celebration chairman spoke to the gathering and visitors from the Wayland and North Attelboro Historical Societies were recognized. Carlton Goss brought greetings from the Taft family and Rev. Henry Cooper of the Unitarian Church, spoke to the group.

Mr. Clough presented the society a 300th anniversary commerative coin which will be put in the museum for public viewing. Reports of officers were given and a moment of silence followed.

Mrs. C. E. Forsberg read a paper written by Rev. Hoagland on one of Mendon's outstanding Revolutionary soldiers. The morning session concluded with a box lunch with coffee provided by the society.

In spite of a heavy rain, the dedication ceremony went off on schedule with 30 members and guest marching down Providence street to the Old Cemetery led by the Capt. James Buxton Continental Fife and Drums of Uxbridge.

Mrs. Lester S. Daniels, chairman of the Historic Marker committee, performed the dedication ceremony, honoring Mendon soldiers who fought for independence and freedom in the early history of the town.

Hackett presented the marker to Selectmen Kenneth Taylor, who accepted it on behalf of the town.

Stanley Chapin, Frank Phillips, Harold Lowell, Normand Downing, E. John Maggaloccia Donald Wheeler, William Winn, Richard Ferrucci and Earl Lannigan, represented the Mendham Brush Association.

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A silver tea followed in Town Hall with Mrs. Justin Southwick soloist, accompanied by Edward Hummell. Over 75 members and guests were served refreshments by Mrs. Emily Coleman, Miss Florence Aldrich, Miss Martha Lowell, Mrs. Maude Clough, girls, Donna Kayarian, Gail Wood, Victoria Benotti, Linda Scott and Charlotte Lowell.

PLAQUE DEDICATED — A marker honoring Mendon men who fought in the early wars for freedom and independence was dedicated at the Old Cemetery in Mendon this week. Taking part were, from left, Peter Hackett, Mendon Historical Society president; Mrs. Lester Daniels, marker committee chairman, and Selectman Kenneth Taylor, who accepted the plaque on behalf of the town. The Historical Society planned the marker and the program as part of the town's 300th anniversary celebration. (Daily News Photo) 5/15/67

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Our Readers Reply

Letters To The Editor

Letters must be signed and carry the full address of the writer. Names will not be withheld from publication unless there is a compelling reason for anonymity. Brevity is urged.

Excellent Coverage Of "Mendon 300th"

By Henry P. Clough
General Chairman
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I wish to express my great appreciation and thanks to the Milford Daily News for the excellent coverage and reporting which went into the accounts, dealing with Mendon's 300th anniversary celebration.

Your newspaper columns have carried story after story about the events preceding the actual celebration in addition to the complete record of the anniversary week.

I am especially pleased and grateful for the special section entitled "A Salute to Mendon" which was published on June 20, 1967. The photographs accompanying the news accounts have been excellent.

Speaking for the general committee and echoing the sentiments of the community as a whole, I wish to thank the Milford Daily News for the story of Mendon's 300th anniversary which has been presented so fully and so well to the readers of your excellent newspaper.

Committee Meeting

Unitarian Church Parish committee met last night and voted to call a special meeting of the parish July 19 at 7.30 p.m. in the church. Parishoners will hold a discussion concerning the disposal of the anniversary float. The float, a replica of the first meeting house was constructed by Daniel Barnes, Russell Phipps and Arthur Paddock and now stands on the lawn beside the church. 7/12/67

Offer Float 7/20/67

Members of the Unitarian Church met last night at a special meeting and voted to offer the float, a replica of the first meeting house, to the town at the next meeting of the Selectmen. The float was constructed by Daniel Barnes, Russell E. Phipps and Arthur Paddock, and was entered in the towns 300th anniversary parade.

If the town does not accept the float it will be auctioned off at a public auction to be held during the annual church lawn party July 29. The float can be seen on the church grounds where it stands.

Film Of Mendon's 300th Celebration Now Ready

10/13/67

MENDON Henry P. Clough, general chairman of the town's 300th anniversary committee has received notification from the Regent Film Co., of Conn. that the film taken of the town's celebration is now ready. Mr. Cahill, proceducer, will show the film to members of the anniversary committee and chairman of the various sub-committees Sunday afternoon at the town hall.

A short meeting will follow the showing to discuss the procedure and regulations to be followed for the use of the film by various groups.

The film is made up of segments of the activities connected with the towns three-day celebration held in June. The film is 16-mm, sound, full color, edited and titled. The film will last more than an hour and cost in the vicinity of $900.

Anniversary Film Viewed

10/16/67

MENDON — Twenty - five members of the 300th anniversary general committee met in Town Hall yesterday to view the tercentennial film. The film was produced by the Regent Film Co. of Conn., and not be available to the public for three weeks.

Committee members have voted to charge a rental fee. A committee will be appointed to take charge of the film rental.

The names of the committee and further details will be released later.

The committee will conduct several public showings with dates to be announced. Donations will be made to the three local bands by the committee.

Bands include the Nipmuc Regional, Junior High and Elementary bands.

The final meeting of the general committee will be held Dec 29. All funds connected with the celebration must be returned to the committee by Dec. 27.

Henry P. Clough, general chairman, presided.

A Card of Thanks And Appreciation

I wish to express my very great appreciation and thanks for the wonderful testimonial and most generous gift given me on Friday, October 13, 1967 at Lakeview Park.

I am deeply grateful to the members and workers on the Testimonial Committee, to the Selectmen of Mendon, to the Administrators of Schools, to the Massachusetts House of Representatives, to former students, teachers and associates, and to the many townspeople and friends who had a part in the affair.

The memory of the evening and the program will always be a most happy and vivid one for me and for Mrs. Clough.

HENRY P. CLOUGH

Mendon, Oct. 17, 1967