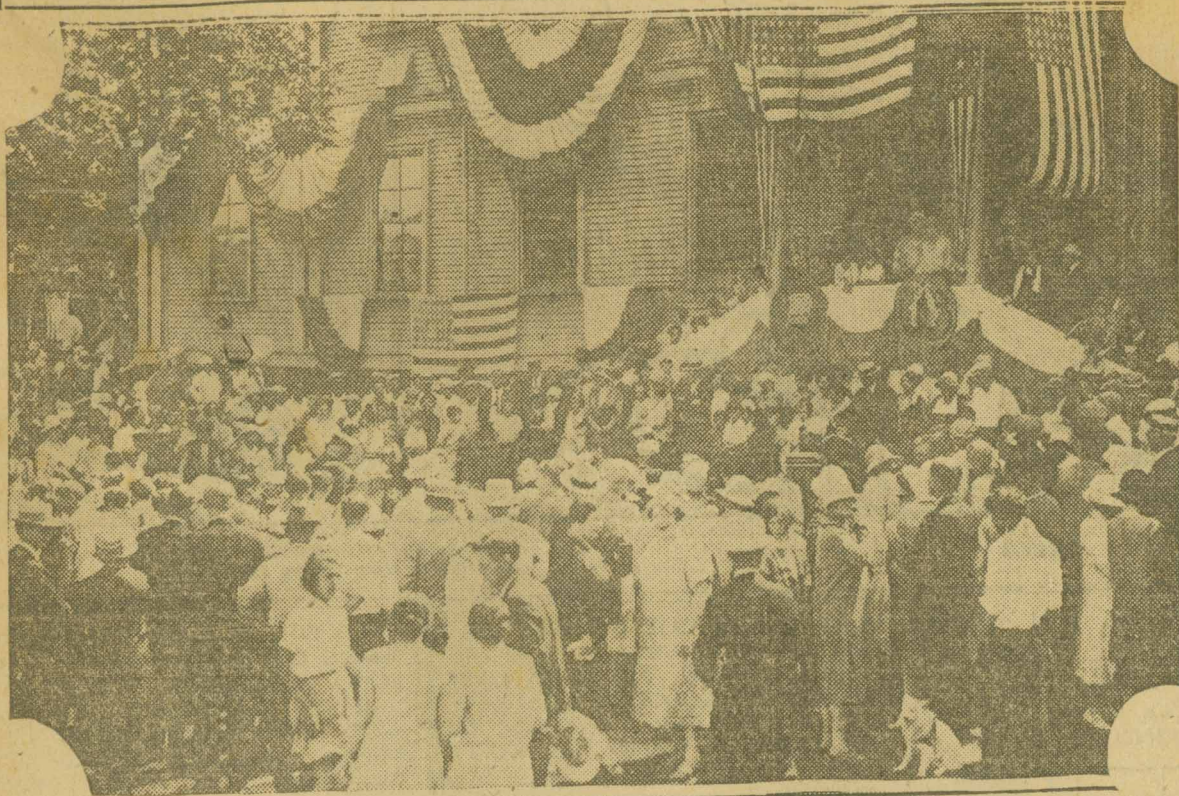


# Throngs Flock to Provincetown for 200th Birthday Celebration



The band of the U. S. S. Arkansas entertaining a crowd with a concert at the opening of the festival



Provincetown dresses up for birthday.

## Quaint Old Town Gay with Decorations and Festive Spirit

PROVINCETOWN, Aug. 5—Provincetown celebrated the second day of its 200th birthday today. It was Governor's day. As quietly as it began yesterday the observance continued today.

### FLOATS MARK PARADE

A parade preceded historical exercises at the town hall today. Thirty floats, arrayed by nationally known artists, featured the procession.

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

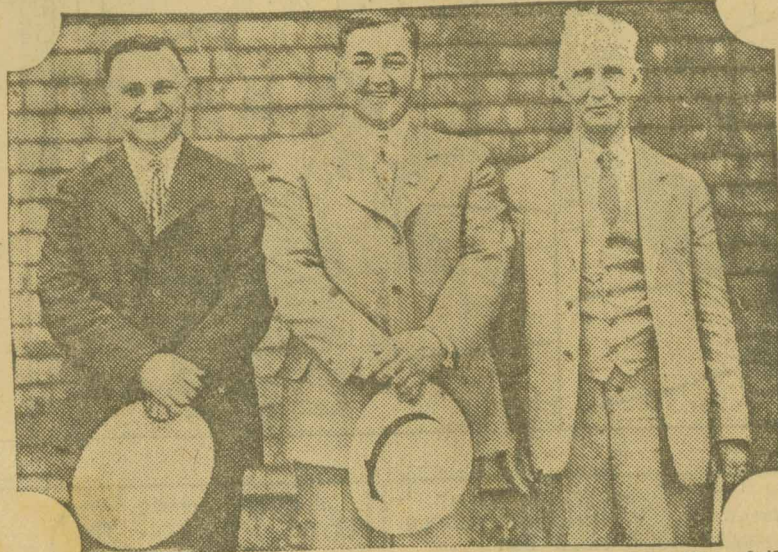
Provincetown, true to the old New England tradition, is observing its birthday simply and quietly. The plans are under the charge of a committee comprising Jesse D. Rogers, chairman; Hersey D. Taylor and Edwin D. Paine.

### IN NATURE OF REUNION

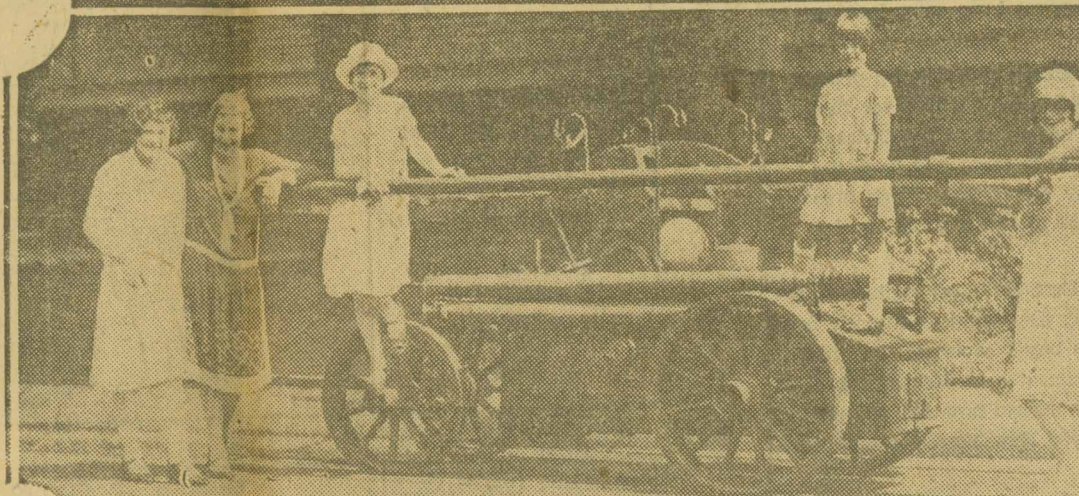
Yesterday the three-day birthday party was more in the nature of a reunion than a festival. Old residents returned to hobnob with former neighbors and chat about the record catches of fish that used to be brought into the harbor.

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

The U. S. S. Arkansas, under the command of Admiral Robertson, came to anchor in the sand girt harbor here yesterday morning. During the afternoon



Committee in charge of the three-day Provincetown celebration of the 200th anniversary of the town's founding. Left to right: Selectman Jesse D. Rogers, Hersey D. Taylor and Edwin D. Paine.



One of the features of the Provincetown celebration is an ancient hand-pumped fire engine which was purchased in 1836. Just to show how times have changed, the following Provincetown girls posed with the engine in former days: Left to right, Alice Buckley, Laura Brown, Norma Brown, Helen Rogers and Eleanor Kell.

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