

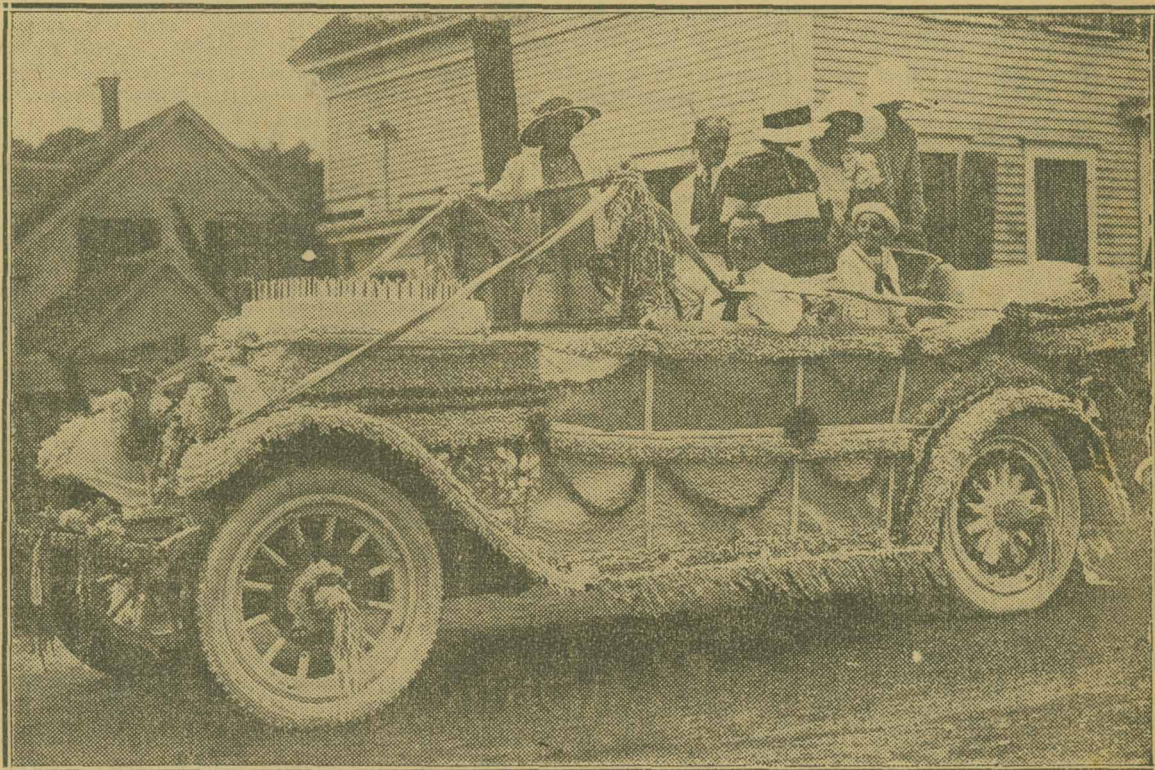
DAY OF GLORY IN OLD TOWN

Provincetown Celebrates With Magnificent Parade Which Rain Cannot Spoil—20,000 There

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PROVINCETOWN, Aug. 5—In the same spirit of the Pilgrim Fathers who braved the elements to come to this shore, 2000 residents and summer colonists continued over the six-mile line of march today while the heavens opened up and drenched them, driving to shelter the 20,000 spectators gathered here from all parts of the country for this town's celebration of its 200th year of incorporation.

Provincetown Has Day of Glory, Great Parade Supreme Feature



ONE OF THE FEATURE FLOATS IN PROVINCETOWN'S PARADE

The decorated car of Mrs. Genevieve Howard of Provincetown and Boston, which proved to be a big attraction in the parade yesterday. Over the hood is a wedding cake studded with 200 candles.

Through almost deserted streets, which but a few minutes before had been crowded with a gaily dressed throng, the parade went on its way, its bunting-trimmed floats dripping water and the costumes nothing but bedraggled blotches of color. The Navy band from the U. S. S. Arkansas, anchored in the harbor, and the two town bands played as gaily in competition to the peals of thunder as they had in the warm sunshine.

But it was as if the elements themselves admitted defeat before the sturdy spirits of these standard carriers of the early days, for almost as quickly as the storm had come it disappeared and let the sun shine for the finish of the route. Just as the chief marshal, Hersey D. Taylor, led the gallant marchers into Ryder street and past the reviewing stand in which stood Senator David I. Walsh and other notables, the sun peeped forth. And the finish of Provincetown's greatest parade, in which there were more than 50 floats, ended in a burst of glorious sunshine back in Railroad square.

Parade of Rare Beauty

It is seldom that a parade of such beauty is seen as the one that passed today in commemoration of this 260th anniversary. Unlike other parades, this was one of a mass of color, almost entirely made up of the floats that told the history of the town and its industries in most effective manner. There wasn't a drab spot in it nor a dull, monotonous section of marchers, for there were none but the sailors and the marines from the flagship, very natty in their uniforms, on foot.

Over the entire line of march, from Railroad square west to Ryder street to Commercial to Franklin street to Bradford street to the fork of the roads and back down Commercial street, past the reviewing stand to the starting point, the parade was preceded by 10 State motorcycle officers under Sergeant Harold F. McFarland of Middleboro troop. Following them came Chief of Police John C. Williams, the surviving Indian descendants of the old Cape Cod Nauset tribe, and the chief marshal.

Marines, Sailors, Snappy, Natty

Playing almost continuously as they marched, came the band of the U. S. S. Arkansas. It seemed only fitting that there should be an atmosphere of the sea given by the two companies of marines and the 10 companies of sailors from the flagship, to this parade through the town that owes its very existence to the sea. And those boys added a smartness and snap to the entire parade as it passed through the flag-decked streets. Nor was it out of place to bring to mind the home boys who died in Flanders Fields as did the float of Post 71, of the American Legion, as it came next in line, with its doughboys crouching behind barricades of trees. Speaker of the Massachusetts House, John C. Hull, Vice-Admiral A. H. Robertson, Senator David I. Walsh and the officers of the flagship came next in a fleet of automobiles.

Coast Guard Float Makes Hit

First of the many floats, and most deserving of first place in the eyes of the townsfolk, was the one of the Race Point Coast Guard, a boat, one that had been welcomed by many mariners, mounted on wheels and commanded by Captain James Morris. The signing of that historic charter of 1620, was pictured by the float of the Research Club. The part of Governor Carver, seated at the sea chest with the document in front of him, was represented by the Rev. Frederick E. Emrich of Boston, a former secretary of the Massachusetts Home Missionary Society of the Congregationalists. The fishing industry that has made Provincetown so prosperous was pictured by three different floats, one showing the men in a small boat after fresh fish, one recalling the days of whaling and the third showing the curing of fish, the latter entered by the Anchor and Ark Masonic Club.

"Mother of 1727," Superb Float

Perhaps the most beautiful float, if one could pick them and a committee attempted the task, was the "Mother of 1727," in which Margaret Loring, dressed in the Pilgrim garb, worked at an old-time spinning wheel in the old-fashioned room, outside of which bloomed an old-fashioned garden. Then there was the K. of C., almost perfect reproduction of Columbus' ship, the Santa Maria. And the artist colony, which had four or five floats entered, was ably and beautifully represented by the Provincetown Art Association float depicting art students at the foot of the Goddess of Art, a part taken by the beautiful Marjorie Harther. And here were others, for not a club or society failed to have a float in the parade. There was one thing that few people realized and that was that the committee, headed by Jesse D. Rogers, couldn't allow even a parade to disturb Antoine Field, the 18-year-old boy who is lying at the point of death. His home was right on the customary line of march but the plans were changed to flow peaceful quiet to surround the house on Tremont street.

High Praise of Fuller's Decision

High praise of Governor Fuller's decision in the Sacco-Vanzetti case brought forth a burst of applause from the throng that gathered on the grounds of the town hall following the

parade for the addresses of Speaker Hull and the other notables. "I am sorry to disappoint you with my first word," Speaker Hull declared. "But you know why the Governor could not be here today. We are prouder now of our splendid Governor Alvan T. Fuller than ever before. The eyes of all the world have been directed to Massachusetts and the ears of the world have been waiting his message. The world has heard and approved. We have faith in Massachusetts as never before and commend the courage of our Governor."

He and the other speakers were introduced by Charles N. Rogers, clerk of courts. Frank H. Barnett, chairman of the Board of Selectmen, gave a brief address of welcome, followed by addresses by Admiral Robertson and Congressman Charles L. Gifford. Tribute was paid to the admiral and gallant officers and men of the U. S. S. Arkansas by Senator Walsh, who spoke at length, both in his afternoon and evening addresses, one at the Wharf Playhouse, on the characters of the early settlers.

"We need to develop today more of their spirit of industry," he declared. "We love America for what her founders have given us and for what America guarantees to each and all: equality of opportunity, justice and freedom."