

# TERCENTENARY QUEEN



QUEEN FLOAT -- All Queens for the parade were these lovely girls headed by Queen winner Betty Lee Morrison. Pictured are, from rear of float, 1 to r, Carole Henderson, Diana Blondin, Joan Linnell, Donna Corrine Marks, Marcia White, Rosemary Gibbons, and Queen Betty Lee Morrison. Float was sponsored by Pratt and Forest Co.



BETTY LEE MORRISON



Smiling Queen contestants awaiting the kick-off dinner and selection of the queen, 1 to r, Joan Linnell, Diane Blondin, Betty Lee Morrison, Rosemary Gibbons, Carole Henderson, Donna Marks and Marcia White.

## QUEEN CONTEST

Sheppard Bartlett, chairman of the Chelmsford Tercentenary Publicity committee, announced May 12 that the contest for Queen of the Chelmsford celebration is underway. It is hoped that the entire community will get behind these girls and help them in their quest for the valuable prizes.

1. Help her get points by ordering OFFICIAL TERCENTENARY SOUVENIRS from her... she gets 1 point for each penny.

2. Invite her to meetings of your church and social groups between May 12th and June 6th. She gets 1000 points for each appearance she makes.

3. Order your tickets to the Twentieth Century Ball and the Tercentennial Ball. She gets a point a penny for each ticket sold.

4. Order your tickets to the Tercentenary Supper. She will get a point a penny for each ticket sold.

5. Organize a group behind her.

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Betty Lee Morrison, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Cyril L. Morrison of 61 Willis Drive, North section was crowned the Tercentenary Queen June 8th at the Kick-off Dinner by Judge John H. Valentine. Runner-up was Miss Marcia White, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Harold White of Riverneck Road, Center section. Both girls received a trip to New York City and will be guests of Northeast Airlines. Rosemary Gibbons was third, Joan Linnell was fourth and Donna Marks was fifth. Carol Henderson and Diana Blondin won special prizes with Carol Henderson winning a prize for acquiring the most personality.

Judges were Miss Ann Donohue, Society Editor of the Lowell Sun. Don Tibbetts of WMUR in Manchester, and Bob Archer of Radio Station WCAP. Dorothy Richardson, Chief Stewardess of Northeast Airlines, made the presentation to the runners-up.

Sheppard Bartlett, chairman of the publicity committee, conducted the contest while Mrs. Pollard Bartlett and Mrs. George Byam of the Queen Committee placed the Queen's robe on the shoulders of Betty Lee Morrison.

The Kick-off Dinner was held under a large tent next to the Unitarian church with over 300 persons attending, mostly people who have worked on various committees for the celebration. Present also were officials from Westford, Tewksbury, Billerica, Dunstable, Tyngsboro and Dracut.

Chairman of the Tercentenary Committee Carl A. E. Peterson ushered in the 300th year at the dinner and addressed the group on the importance of this occasion. Rep. Edward J. DeSaulnier, Jr. was Master of Ceremonies and introduced the head table. At the head table were Mr. and Mrs. Perry T. Snow, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Campbell, Mr. and Mrs. Edward G. Krasnecki, Mr. Sidney Dupee, Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Hartley, Mr. and Mrs. Charles D. A. Harrington, Mr. and Mrs. Harold C. Petterson, Judge John H. Valentine, Mr. and Mrs. E. Newcomb Mills, Mr. and Mrs. Arnold C. Perham, all of the Tercentenary General Committee, Rev. Fr. John E. Thomas, curate of St. Mary's church, Mrs. Carl A. E. Peterson, Selectman and Mrs. Daniel J. Hart, Selectman and Mrs. Donald E. Smith, Chairman of the Board of Selectmen and Mrs. Roger W. Boyd, Mayor and Mrs. John Janas of Lowell, Judge Maurice Mac-Walter of Concord, Judge Arthur Eno of Lowell, Rev. and Mrs.

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QUEEN CONTESTANTS AT KICK-OFF DINNER: 1 to r, Diane Blondin, Joan Linnell, Carole Henderson, Marcia White, Betty Lee Morrison, Rose Mary Gibbons and Donna Marks.





**THE QUEEN IS CROWNED:** Betty Lee Morrison is being crowned by Judge John H. Valentine.

**Queen Contest**

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your favorite and help her campaign for points... they need all the help they can muster.

The Tercentenary Souvenirs are available exclusively with the queen contestants, and those people desiring them should call these girls and place your orders. The souvenirs are very inexpensive and very desirable to have: key-chains, pencils, coasters, tiles, auto-plates, trivets, and Peter Pan hats.

The queen contestants are as follows:

**MISS DIANA BLONDIN**, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Rudolph F. Blondin, of 207 Riverneck Road, is 15 and a freshman at Chelmsford high, and has three proud sisters and two proud brothers all trying to help her win the contest. Diana is very much on the sporty side enjoying such sports as roller-skating, swimming, and dancing, and her

future weighs to the business field where she hopes to score as a secretary some day.

**MISS ROSEMARY GIBBONS**, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George L. Gibbons, is a junior at Chelmsford High School, where she is majoring in business studies. Rosemary is 17 years old, and her hobbies include dancing, roller-skating, swimming, softball, and horse-back riding. With a look to the future, Rosemary hopes to be a ballroom dancing instructor, and word from her many friends bears out the fact that she can trip the light fantastic pretty smoothly. Rosemary has a sister 12 years old who is rooting all the way for her big sister to become queen.

**MISS CAROLE HENDERSON**, 15, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. O.T. Henderson of 121 Stedman Street, is planning to go to the Boston School of Dental Nursing when she graduates from Chelmsford High. Carole has two brothers and sisters

that are plugging all the way for her to win the queen contest, and is a sport enthusiast as all typical girls her age are.

**MISS JOAN LINNELL**, 15 years old, is a freshman at Chelmsford high, and a sport enthusiast besides. Listening to music is one of her favorite hobbies besides swimming, dancing and other sports. Joan has a particular fondness for musicals, not heavy drama, and is very creative as an artist, particularly charcoal drawing. Out in her neighborhood, Joan is popular as a baby-sitter, bakes delicious chocolate cakes, and loves to travel... that's why she would love to win the queen contest.

**MISS DONNA CORRINE MARKS**, 16, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Bernard J. McKeon, is a sophomore at Chelmsford High, and loves horse-back riding as her top hobby. Among Donna's other varied interests, she is an artist, a good photographer, and loves all sports. She also has high hopes of being a graduate nurse when she finishes high school, and from the ambitious campaign for queen she is performing. Donna will be a big success in her endeavors.

**MISS BETTY LEE MORRISON**, 18, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Cyril Morrison, is a senior in Chelmsford high, and has won two other queen contests in her young life. She was selected Miss Winnepesaukee, and Miss Weirs Beach in 1952. Betty's many interests include all sports, basketball and field hockey, and she was a baton twirler this year for the high school, has a younger brother, a married sister, a terrific family all out helping her win the queen contest. A look in Betty's future tells us that she is planning to enter nurses training in the



**QUEEN RECEIVES ROBE:** Betty Lee Morrison is presented Royal Robe by Mrs. Robert Byam and Mrs. Pollard Bartlett at kick-off dinner. Also shown are Joan Linnell, left, and Marcia White, right.

fall.

**MISS MARCIA WHITE**, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Harold White, is 18, and a graduate of Chelmsford high, class of '54. She recently returned with her parents from California where they lived for 7 months. Marcia has been working for the Town and Country Shop in Chelmsford Center, but is soon to accept a position at General Electric as a secretary. Sports and dancing are high on her favorite list, and her family states that she is very good at cooking... particularly spaghetti and meat balls.

The 5 queen contestants with the highest points will enter the final judging which takes place at the kick-off banquet of the Tercentenary Celebration. The girls will be judged on POISE; ATTRACTIVENESS; AND PERSONALITY. It should be stressed here that attractiveness only counts one-third in the final judging.

The winner will receive a three day trip for two

to New York City, and the four runners-up will receive \$25 cash prizes. There will also be valuable extra prizes for all the contestants.

The Queen Contest Committee are: Chairman, Mrs. Wm. Pollard Bartlett; Mrs. Robert Byam; Mrs. Morey Levine; Mrs. Charles Svenson; Mrs. William H. Burke; Mrs. Edward Krasnecki; and Mrs. George A. Ricker, Jr.

**Tercentenary Queen**

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Warren Chandler of the Central Congregational church and Mrs. Edward J. DeSaulnier, Jr.

Rep. DeSaulnier introduced J. Gordon McKennon, Vice-President of the Chevrolet Dealers Association who gave a talk on enthusiasm and how it affected the town of Chelmsford.

1886. At the Lyceum, Monday evening, there was a spirited debate upon the question, 'Is the Sunday newspaper a benefit to the community?'

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The Queen Candidates, some of the head table, and others who attended the kick-off dinner. Judges for the Queen contest were: Miss Anne K. Konaghue, Don Tibbetts and Bob Hackett.



Tercentenary Queen Betty Lee Morrison being presented silver cup by Judge John H. Valentine at the kick-off dinner. With the Queen are, l to r, Joan Linnell, Marcia White and Rosemary Gibbons.

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Tercentenary Queen when she won the title of Miss Weirs and Miss Winnepesaukee in 1953. She is Miss Betty Lee Morrison, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C.L. Morrison of Willis Drive, North Section.

their sport is probably due to the evident fact that all parties as well as the gun were loaded.

1892. A horse and buggy belonging to Jacob Spaulding, a venerable citizen of this

village, was left on the street in Lowell by the owner a short time Saturday afternoon, but when he returned the team was missing. The police were notified, and upon telephoning to Chelmsford, it was found that the horse, driven by a stranger under the influence of fire-water had just passed through the village. Constable F.E. Nason started in pursuit and traced the fugitive as far as Billerica bridge, when the clue was lost. Monday the chief of police received word from Charlestown that the team was at Station 15 awaiting the pleasure of the owner. No trace of the fugitive was found.

1892. As the horse and carriage of Mrs. Geo. A. Byam was standing in front of the Lowell post office Thursday afternoon about 2:30 o'clock, a horse belonging to Geo. S. Motley, which was being driven by a stranger under the influence of electric car, and rearing up, brought one of its fore feet down upon a rear wheel of the carriage, smashing it badly. Mr. and Mrs. Palmer, who were in the carriage escaped without injury, the carriage not being overturned. Mrs. Byam was in the post office at the time. She returned home on the train, and the damaged carriage was left at a shop to be repaired. Her horse, fortunately did not become frightened.

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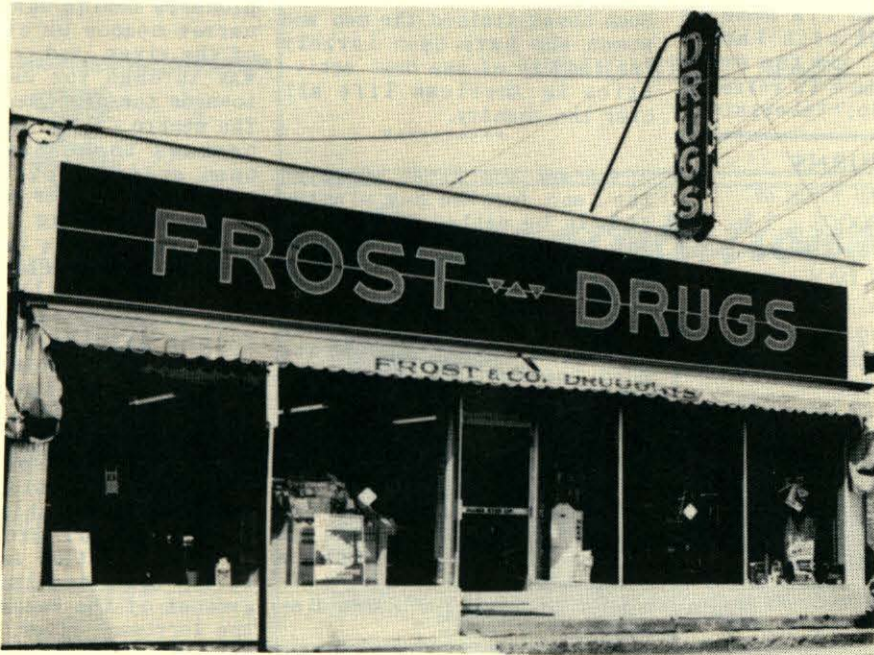
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**CAKE CONTEST JUDGES:** 1 to r, Mrs. Evelyn Duren of Carlisle; Mrs. Arline Beaulieu of Graniteville and Mrs. Dulcie Mann of Littleton.



**TERCENTENARY CAKE CONTEST:** Exhibitors were, Ann Giers, Carole Stanton, Alice Corfield, Mrs. Charles McArthur, Mrs. Fred O'Bear, Olive Stanton, Bessie Trubey, Mrs. Albion Lewis, Mrs. Irma Stanton, and Ann Gifford.



Tercentenary Queen Betty Lee Morrison and her runners-up, Rose Mary Gibbons, left and Marcia White, right have their hair styled by Mr. Howard before the parade.



Getting ready for the Parade is Tercentenary Queen Betty Lee Morrison as Howard Hair Designer puts the finishing touch on her hair style.

### Changes In The Life Of The Town

The Town Meeting has been called the most perfect local democracy that the world has ever seen. The Town originally had more governmental powers than it now has. Some it relinquished to the County and some to the State. Judicial functions were passed up to higher tribunals than the commissioners or board of selectmen. The Town Militia had large independence, electing their own officers. The conditions of the early days made this necessary.

The early land titles were given by the town to whom it saw fit. Religious affairs

were settled in town meeting. Religion was supported and largely controlled by the Town, until a little over a century ago, when this was given into the hands of voluntary societies, which were formed on sectarian lines, and by dividing the religious life of the community, weakened it and marred its moral effect, as well as the unity of civic sentiment and activity.

The homes of the interesting old traditions are transformed by a new order of things. The isolated farm has an enlarged environment. The moulding influences are those of the world at large instead of the immediate neighborhood. In the

old days, there was little travel and few avenues by which the news of the world could approach. Now, numerous mail trains and planes pass daily, the rural delivery and post-office are available. The daily paper, and weekly paper, the telephone, radio T.V. and telegraph, inform the most remote of what the world is doing. The farmer is a citizen of the world instead of being limited to the interests of his native place. The incandescent bulb in his home is but the symbol of a larger enlightenment, and the drudgery of other days is relieved by music, radio, television,

travel, books, and periodicals.

The New England home of the earlier days, barren as it might seem of most things which are prized today, had some important elements of high character. There was, to use the well-worn phrase, plain living and high thinking. There was respect for authority, parents were obeyed by their children, there was thrift and self-denial. The religious influence of the old days was austere, there is no doubt but that it made strong character. Such homes trained the men and women who have been largely the leaders of the best activities in American life all over the country.

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The men who first surveyed the land for the new plantation to be called Chelmsford, and the families who settled here, travelled on horseback or on foot from the South and East through trackless forests or over Indian trails. Some may have floated in boats down the Concord river. The land vehicles first used were two-wheeled carts. Stagecoaches did not come into use until after the Revolution. Up to the latter half of the eighteenth century (1750) travellers usually rode on horseback, and after stage lines were established, continued to do so for short distances.

It was near the year 1800 before 'horse wagons' came into use. Articles for market were carried in wallets and paniers thrown across the horse.

What is known as the old Concord road was, for a time, the only outlet on the south, and Billerica street, called in early days, 'The Road to the Bay' made possible traveling from Chelmsford to Salem and other coast towns.

We can picture these sturdy pioneers coming out upon some narrow meadow or grass bank of the river, and picking their way through the dense woods towards the place now known as the centre of the town, where, perhaps there might be an open space along what they soon called Beaver Brook, here, after refreshing themselves with provisions brought in knapsacks or saddlebags, push on to Robin's hill to get a more extended view of their future abiding-place. The cornfield of Robin, the Indian, on Robin's hill was the on to Robin's hill to get a more extended view of their future abiding-place. The cornfield of Robin, the Indian, on Robin's hill was the only piece of ground then under cultivation in the vicinity, excepting the planting grounds of the Wamesits along the Merrimack river.

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TERCENTENARY FASHION SHOW---Left to right, Mrs. Edwin Lindsay, Mrs. Edward Cotton, Mrs. Bernard Clark, Mrs. Richard Porter, Mrs. Carl McKittrick, Mrs. Joseph Gagnon and Mrs. George Hedrick.

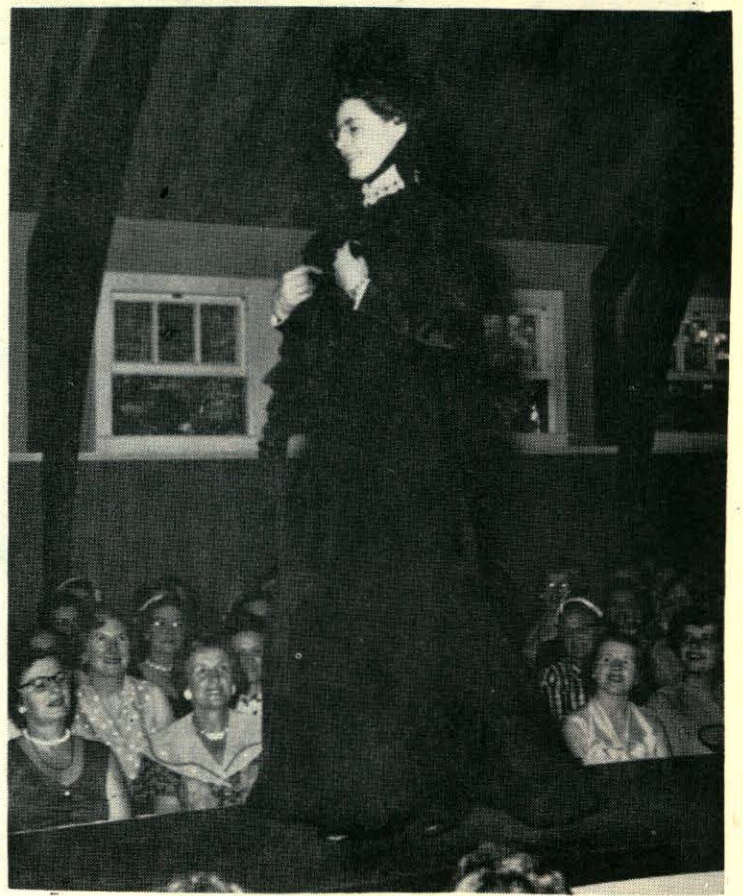
## THE FASHION SHOW

Mrs. Lawrence Litchfield and Mrs. Forsaith Daniels were co-chairmen for this wonderful tercentenary affair which was a highlight of the celebration. Everything went so smoothly because the director, Mrs. Donald Wilder, and everyone connected with it did everything to make this Fashion show a complete success. I personally don't remember a fashion show like it. The work that Mrs. Litchfield and Mrs. Daniels put into this affair, is unbelievable, and Mrs. Frederick Burne, decorating chairman for the stage garden scene, gives thanks also to Mr. Sheppard Bartlett of A.G. Pollard Co. The flowers were

from Cal Laughton, and garden furniture from Mrs. Benjamin VanRaden. Mrs. Elton Silk and Mrs. Ernest Coupe were Mrs. Burne's assistants. So many people spoke about how beautiful the stage looked that the people who did so much to make the stage so attractive, deserve a great deal of praise. At one o'clock the audience began to arrive and as they came in and heard the organ music and then looked up to see the stage, I heard many, many women comment on the music and stage, and as I listened and took their names I knew that the afternoon was already a success by the attitude of the people coming in

this fine hall. The organ music really gave a welcome as one came in and the music Mrs. Poppolizio rendered was certainly appreciated and added much to the afternoon success.

Mrs. Donald Wilder opened the activities with a welcome to the audience after which she introduced Mrs. Robert Byam who charmed everyone with her graciousness as commentator and had the attention of everyone. It was quiet as each model walked on the ramp but the audience generously applauded each one as they left the stage. About five hundred women attended. The vestibule was filled with those who arrived too late to get a seat. Marjorie Mills of radio fame gave all the tea bags for the tea at the end of the show. The tea table was decorated by



Mrs. Vernon French at the Fashion Show.

Mrs. Bertram Needham and Mrs. Eustace Fiske. Mrs. Fiske wore a lovely brown taffeta dress with a cream corded front, full long skirt, with the original under hooped skirt, the front embroidered in silk with full leg o'mutton sleeves. Mrs. Robert Whealen wore a grey silk striped taffeta shirred to the hips, high lace collar and lace yoke ruffles of fine lace around the yoke, full

sleeves to elbow, then an applique of the lace on a long cuff, black net buttons trimmed with black velvet.

The tea table was beautiful with a huge sterling silver bowl in the middle, an exact copy of the Paul Revere bowl in our Boston museum, a sterling silver tea service lent by Mrs. Edward Freeman, and a sterling silver set. 'Old

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Bathing Beauties at Fashion Show, l to r, Carole Abrahamson, Judy Fisher and Joyce Van Raden.



At the Fashion Show, l to r, Miss Carolyn Smith, Miss Penny Brown, Mrs. Leon Pigeon, Mrs. Henrick Johnen, Mrs. James Robinson, Mrs. Lawrence McLaughlin.

**The Fashion Show**

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Winn', lent by Mrs. Eustace Fiske. The huge bowl was filled with Beauty Bush and

old fashioned pink roses. This committee did itself proud and many people commented on the beauty of the tea table. Pourers were Mrs. Eustace Fiske and Mrs. Needham, as-

sisted ably by the following women: Mrs. Whealen as assistant, and Miss Betty Lou Fiske, Miss Nancy Ann Fiske, Mrs. Calvin Allen, Mrs. W. Taylor, Mrs. Richard Lahue, Mrs. W. Vaipan, Mrs. John Freeman, Mrs. Flint Manahan, Mrs. Charles Fuller, Mrs. Kenneth Cutcliffe, Mrs. George Weir, Mrs. Coughlin, Mrs. Arthur Thifault, Mrs. Levi Howard, Mrs. Harold Davis, and Mrs. Thomas Reed.

After the tea Mrs. Donald Wilder introduced the Queen and her entourage. Lovely girls they were, too; all their beautiful dresses were in pas-  
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Mrs. Eustace B. Fiske poured during the Tercentenary celebration on Women's Day. Pictured with Mrs. Fiske (left) are her daughter, Nancy (center) and Deborah Schliebus (right).

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**The Fashion Show**

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tel shades and they made a pretty picture.

Seen enjoying the fashion show were Mrs. Minerva Moulton and her two daughters, Mrs. Harold Hollingworth and Mrs. Bright Whitesides, Miss Carole Osborn, Mrs. Edgar George, Mrs. Francis Lovering, Mrs. Carl Peterson, Mrs. Charles Williamson, Jr., Mrs. Elizabeth Dobson, Mrs. Anna Williams, Mrs. John Brooks, Mrs. Connie Cosiners, who was born in what is now the Central Apts. and now lives in Atlanta, Georgia, Mrs. Angus Campbell, Miss Mae E. Files, Mrs. A.G. MacElroy, Mrs. Ellen Hadley, Mrs. Mildred Hadley, Mrs. Edward Russell, Mrs. Paul Sansone, Mrs. Starr Fiske, Mrs. E.W. Freeman, Mrs. Bradford Vinecombe, Mrs. Gertrude Sargent, Mrs. Flint Manahan.

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Bride at the Fashion Show; 1 to r, Mrs. Theodore W. Emerson, Mrs. Frank Fiske, Miss Dorcas Farrington, Mrs. Charles Cashin Jr., Mrs. Cortland Burkinshaw, Mrs. Frederick Withington, Mrs. Charles Farrington, Mrs. Stephen Mansur, Mrs. Lionel Marchand, Mrs. James Simmons, Mrs. Charles Churchill, Mrs. Vernon Fletcher, Mrs. Malcolm Weeks and Miss Judy Shedd.

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THE MODERN AGE---Left to right, Judy Fisher, Joyce Vanraden, Joan Dodge, Joanne Merrill, Priscilla Pouliot, Carol Abrahamson and Nancy Gardiner.

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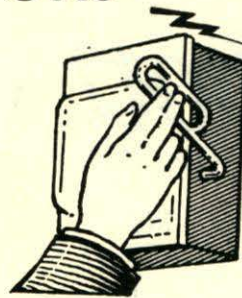


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FLAPPERS AT FASHION SHOW; 1 to r, Mrs. Kenneth Koch, Mrs. Phillip Gilinson, Mrs. Benjamin Van Raden, Mrs. Edward Morgan, Mrs. William Burke, Mrs. Britton Satterlee.

### The Fashion Show

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This account would not be finished unless we also added the names of those lovely models who never complained about the time it took to rehearse but enjoyed every minute of it:

Mrs. Walter Malloy, Miss Elizabeth Lewis, Debbie Schliebus, Betty Lou Fiske, Mrs. Robert Pontefract, Miss Joanne Geary, Miss Carole Abrahamson, Mrs. Sidney Perham, Mrs. Vernon French, Mrs. Robert Groves, Mrs. George Reed, Mrs. Bernard Clark, Mrs. Colin Forbes, Priscilla McGaughey, Joan Dodge, Nancy Gardner, Judy Lamb, Debbie Litchfield, Mrs. Lorraine Laughlin, Mrs. James Robinson, Mrs. Carolyn Smith, Mrs. Joseph Gagnon.

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Edwin Lindsay, Mrs. Mark Bagshaw, Mrs. Hector Parker, Miss Joyce VanRaden, Jane Organ, Diane Gordon, Mrs. Henrick Johnson, Penny Ann Brown, Mrs. Richard Porter, Ann Mills, Mrs. Warren Watson, Mrs. Carl Brown, Mrs. Richard Delmore, Mrs. Helen Mills, Mrs. Gerald Robinson, Mrs. George Archer, Miss Judy Fisher, Joann Merrill, Priscilla Pouliot, Peggy Minson, Mrs. Leon Rugerri, Mrs. Carl McKittrick, Mrs. Edward Cotton.

### Flappers

Mrs. Philly Gilinson, Mrs. William Burke, Mrs. Benjamin VanRaden, Mrs. Edward Morgan, Mrs. Britton Saterlee, Mrs. Kenneth Koch. The music for the dancing flappers was Roll Out The Barrel; Mrs. Kenneth Koch was the choreographer. The short dresses and hairdos and

even their handsome garters just about brought down the house. The Mello Tones from the high school contributed their share to the success of the show. And Mrs. Kay Harper sang appropriate songs, including 'I Love You Truly' during the Bridal Parade.

### The Bridal Parade

Mrs. F. Withington, Mrs. Charles Farrington, Mrs. Malcolm Weeks, Mrs. Ted Symonds, Mrs. Frank Fiske, Mrs. Walker French, Mrs. Charles Churchill, Mrs. Cortlandt Burkinshaw, Mrs. Vernon Fletcher, Miss Judy Shedd, Mrs. Lionel Marchand, Mrs. Theodore Emerson, Miss Dorcas Farrington, Mrs. Stephen Mansur, Mrs. Charles Cashin. I cannot but again mention the tireless work of Mrs. Litchfield and Mrs. Daniels.

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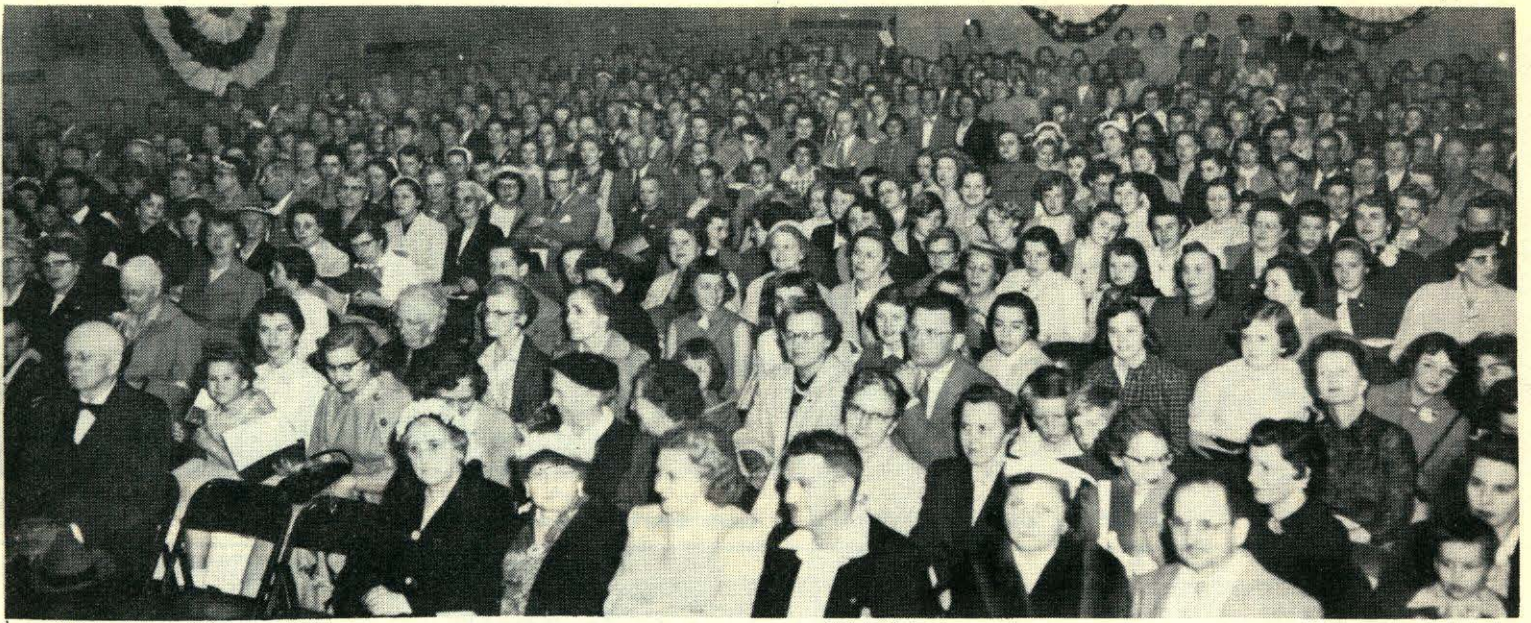
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# PAGEANT

Overture  
 Tercentenary Suite  
 Paul Bordeleau  
 Band  
 Pageant

Prologue:  
 First Boy Scout  
 Peter Hollingworth  
 First Girl Scout  
 Wendy Cooke  
 Second Girl Scout  
 Phyllis Banks  
 Second Boy Scout  
 Robert Bissonnette  
 Third Boy Scout  
 Eugene Crane  
 Third Girl Scout  
 Marcia Weeks  
 Spirit of Chelmsford  
 Ealine Dusseault  
 Attendants  
 Carol French, Janet Slater



The high school auditorium was packed at each of the pageant nights.

First Episode:  
 Creed ..... Thomas Gallagher  
 Grade 5—North School

Second Episode:  
 History ..... Charles Norton

Town Meeting  
 James Parker  
 Dainel Pushee  
 William Fletcher  
 Wendell Luke  
 Mr. Butterfield  
 Richard Burt  
 Esdras Read  
 Lawrence Miller  
 Edward Spaulding  
 David Moore  
 Issac Lerner  
 Richard Hicks  
 Simon Thompson  
 Douglas Lane  
 William Underwood  
 Eugene Gilet  
 Thomas Adams  
 John Doole  
 Richard Hilderth  
 Randy Hoyle

Thomas Chamberlain  
 David Weeks  
 James Blood  
 William Lee

Third Episode:  
 Education ..... David Reid  
 Old Type School—  
 East Chelmsford  
 Mr. Emerson .. Edward Perry  
 Ezra ..... Bradford Lawson  
 Rachel ..... Lois Nichols  
 Samuel ... Warren Whitehead  
 Moses ..... John Callahan  
 James ..... Roger Blomgren  
 Daniel ..... Paul Mueller  
 Rebecca ..... Beverly Silva  
 Timothy ... Richard Blomgren  
 Jonas ..... George Abely  
 Sarah .... Ruth Alice Webber  
 Reuben .... Robert Whitehead  
 New Type School  
 —Grade Three—North  
 Teacher  
 Linnea Petterson  
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Sports episode during the Pageant spelling out the letter M.

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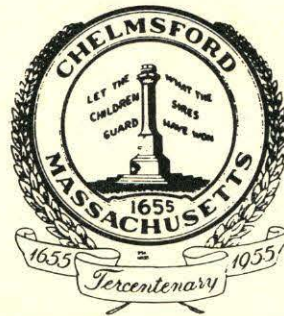
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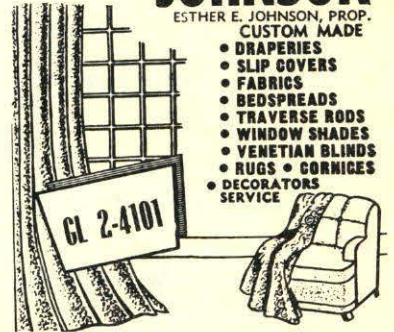
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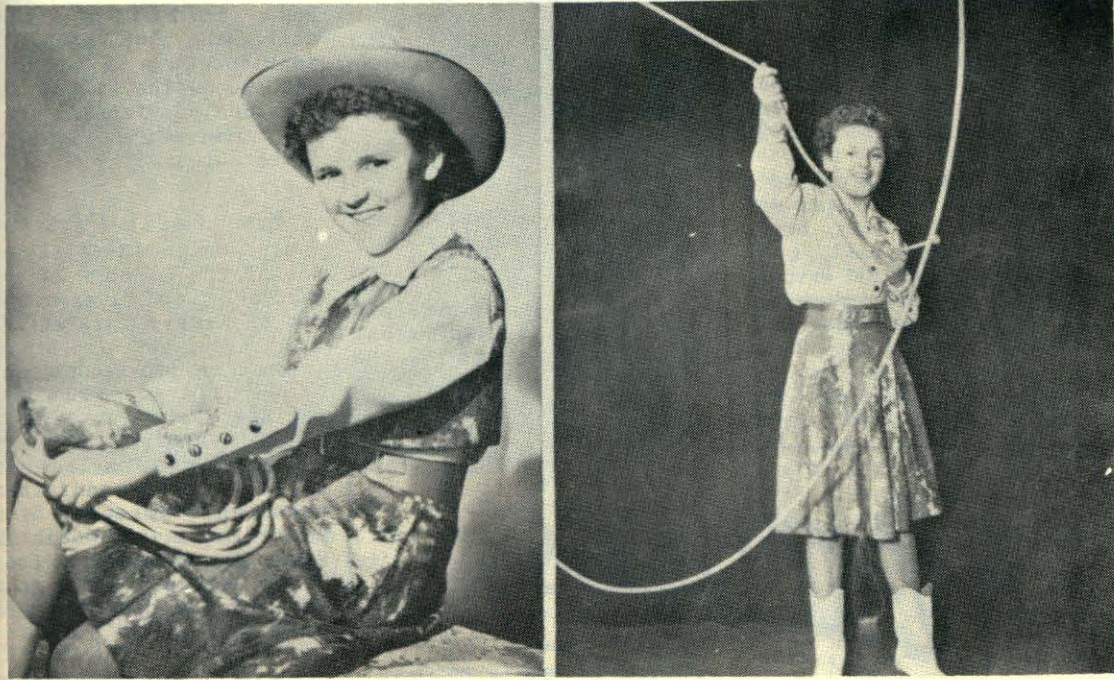








These bronzed figures represent track events as shown during the Pageant.



One of the spectacular events of the Parade was when Betsy Currier of the Dorchester Community Corps did her rope-spinning act. She did her tricks inside the spinning loop of a 40 foot rope. She has exhibited her talent at horse shows, Tercentenaries, TV and parades throughout New England. For her most recent TV appearance, she traveled to Philadelphia to appear on WCAU coast to coast. Rope spinning is usually performed by a rugged outdoorsman or cowboy. The heavy rope makes it a vigorous trick for a girl. Betsy spins her rope tirelessly over a two mile route to the amazement of the adults and the delight of the Roy Rogers fans.

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Simpson, Richard Hoxie, Carol Ann Bacon, Bonnie Blake, Joan Crane, Janet Kimball, Judy Beaulieu.

Tony Charlton, Peter Souza, John Dionne, James Munsie, Earl Lovering, Paul Monette, Peter Parmenter, Brian Popolizio, Donald Wilcox, Bradley Parker, Richard Sykes, Kirk Lamb, Paul Smith, Douglas Kauffman, Kathy Dearth, Angelika Pasinski, Marjorie Znoj, Jacjcie Thompson, Linda Sloan, Evonne Silva, Susan

Peterson, Donna Newcomb, Barbara Mores, Nancy Moon, James Oliver, Bernard Ready, Denis Sloan, William Strobel, Thomas Todd, Thomas O'Shaughnessy, Bruce Woodward, Charles Edgerton, Robert Vines, Franklin Taylor, Keith Bushey, Robert Maguire, David Scholz, Rita Ouelette, Susan Ward, Sheila Welch, Jean Calvetti, Judith Crocker, Linda Breen, Barbara Swanton, Mary Tansey, Carol Hough, Dorothy Bacon, Donna Sweet, Robert Chevalier, James O'Shaughnessy, Mark Mallard.

Richard Herbert, Don Staveley, Paul Archer, Francis Barry, Ludwick Giza, David Moulton, Richard Boucher, Joyce Matley, Sandra Smith, Judith Newell, Myrna Bill, Dawn Cleghorn, Marcia Hoyt, John Kokoska, Elaine LeMasurier, Robert Mackey, Donald Nasson, Maureen McEnaney, Ruby Nason, Louise Quinn, Peter Riccardi, Chandler Robinson, William Scaplen, Donna-jean Shaw, Robert Smith, Sharon Sullivan, Richard Tedesco, Catherine Walker, Dwight Woodward, Roger Aubrey, Jane Barrett, Anita Blain-



Slim Pickins visits Chelmsford during Celebration --- Well known TV-Radio figure met members of his local fan club while he visited with his good friend Miss Ruby Emery at the Old Mill House.

chard, Alan Burne, Judith Carkin, Mary Lou Chevalier, John Coalter, David Crocker, Sheila Cryan, Patrick Cyr, Robert Davidson, Mary Dunigan, Eileen Gunthier, John Moulton, Heinrich Johnson, John Forbes, Thomas Ryan, Brock Hedrick, Robert Gilinson, Peter Witts, Gerald Cole, Lee Marchand.  
Linda Emerson, Elaine Benkoski, Eleanor Butler, Joann Harvey, Sharon Mountain, Paula McKittrick, Carol Auger, Martha Gallagher, Mary Dodge, Kathy Ferreira, Pamela House, Maureen Rassias, Susan Silvia, Linda Lessard, Judith Moore, Deborah Palm, Betsy Perham, Lee Ann Ricard, George Blanchard, Ronald Gandy, William Galus Martin Jolin, Ronald Lundstedt, Frank Lynch, Wallace Maybury, Rusty McConeghy, Bob McDermott, Bruce McMaster, Sean Morrissey, David Pearson, George Ritchey, John St. Germain, Dennis Tighe, Lenore Hodgson, Maryruth Clark, Florence Kimball, Marian Cutter, Susan French, Susan Bean, Joan Dunlavey, Marianne Miller, James Burns, Thomas Bedell, Kevin Borrows, Charles Philbrook, Stephen Fabbri, Thomas Cobery, Michael Connors, George Schneider, Peter McHugh.

man, George Ducharme, Sally Mahoney, Cynthia Picken, Ruth Carkin, Suzanne Cutter, Patricia Jamros, Donna Kelley, Linda Potter, Patricia Norton, Sandra Gaudet, Susan Humphrey, Frances Wyman, Joyce Leedberg, Melissa Schechter, James Armitage, John Avila, Ruth Ann Bill, Mary Brule, Rose Burton, Ann Caster, Russell Clemons, Carolyn Cossette, Elaine Cote, Wayne Crowe Lowell Dorsey, James Doyle, Sally French, Donna Grant, Ruth Hall, Richard Snow, Andrew Swett, Ronald Wikander, Carol Moulton, Margaret Minko, Mary Nason, Elizabeth Hill, Judith Blott, Marsha McCormack, Gayle Starratt, William Lussier, Edmond Gendron, Russell Proulx, Keith Wilson, Alfred Angus, Philip Motta, John Hoyt, Marylyn Davis.

Richard LaCourse, William Wy-

Colon Forbes, Thomas Saterlee, William Sidebottom, Blair Finnegan, Robert Worthley, Rostrom Kershaw, Patricia Slater, Martha La-hue, Patricia Sullivan, Barbara Gray, Cynthia Hoyt, Mary Alice Larkin, Joyce Malloy, Bryan McAndrew, Thomas Murphy, Judith Palmer, Edmund Polubinski, George Ricker, Arthur Smith, Jane Smith, Vivian Sproul, Douglas Toms, Cheryllyn Winship, Brendan Kearns, William Bartlett, James Durkee, John Harrington, Gerald Cole, William Dinneen, Marjorie Winterbottom, Wendolyn Cutcliffe, Penny Brown, Donna Dickson, Rosemary Fennell, Bonilyn Agan, Donna Stearns, Judith Frediani, Alice Long, Mary Fletcher, Catherine Sousa, Elizabeth Leggat, Janet Day, Joan Dowd, Debra Schliebus, Stephen Mahr, Marilyn Slaney, Sandra Preston, Ray Robitaille, Robert Schechter.

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# Oldest Residents

The Newsweekly is happy to salute some of Chelmsford's oldest residents on the town's 300th anniversary. Mrs. Katherine M. Daley, 6 Larkin Avenue, North section, has outdistanced competitors to earn the title of our oldest native born resident, and Edgar Parkhurst, 42 Boston Rd., Center section, is the oldest native born male resident. We are also giving honorable mention to three runners-up.

## Mrs. Katherine M. Daley

Mrs. Daley, 96 years old, was born at 'The Ark', 7 Acton Road, Center, the daughter of John and Mary Haley. She attended school in the old yellow building on the site of the present firehouse and then did dressmaking in Lowell. Although she lived in Londonderry, N.H. for a few years after her marriage to James P. Daley of that town, they later returned to town and virtually all of her life has been spent here. She has a daughter, Miss Mary K. Daley, a Lowell school-teacher, who lives at home, and a son, John H. Daley, in Chicopee Falls, Mass. She also has a grandson now stationed with the U.S. airforces in England, a granddaughter, Mrs. Stephen Kulig of Chicopee Falls, and two great grandchildren. Until recently, when she suffered a slight illness,

Mrs. Daley has been quite active. She is keenly interested in television and radio. Her chief hobbies have been crocheting afghans and hooking rugs. She has been a faithful attendant at St. John's Church and recalls walking regularly as a child to Lowell to attend services there at St. Peter's before a Catholic church was established here. Another source of pleasure to Mrs. Daley is her recollection of being in school with Susan S. McFarlin, beloved teacher of so many townspeople, and of having the same birthday as Miss McFarlin. On Mrs. Daley's 90th birthday she enjoyed meeting friends and relatives at open house festivities and now on the occasion of the town's 300th birthday, Chelmsford residents extend their congratulations to her with their best wishes for a quick recovery from her illness.

## Edgar Parkhurst

Mr. Parkhurst, a son of the late Edwin King and Octavia (Larcom) Parkhurst, is a member of one of the town's oldest families. Like Mrs. Daley, he attended school in the old yellow building at the Center, and at age 15, went to work at Bartlett and Dow, a hardware store in Lowell owned by J. Adams Bartlett of

Chelmsford and F.D. Dow of Lowell. He left town at 5:55 each morning on 'the Scoot'-- the train running between Chelmsford and Lowell, and his duties were first to open and sweep out the store which remained open until 6 P.M. On Monday, Friday and Saturday evenings, closing time was 9 P.M. In those days there were no telephones and much business was transacted by telegraph. A telegraph receiving station had been installed at Bartlett and Dow's and Mr. Parkhurst recalls his excitement when on his first day at the store he received a telegram sent by Thomas Talbot (later Governor of Massachusetts) to Dr. Levi Howard of this town. Mr. Parkhurst continued here for 30 years and in 1916, with Winthrop A. Parkhurst, a cousin and also of Chelmsford, reorganized as Bartlett and Dow Company and carried on business for 25 years more.

His father was Chelmsford's first station agent and his uncle, Johathan Larcom, built the present Town Hall. Lucy Larcom, noted poet and writer, was Mr. Parkhurst's aunt and he is now the proud owner of a copy of her book, Childhood Songs, inscribed to him and his sister, the late Mrs. Wm. H. Hall of Littleton Rd. Among

Mr. Parkhurst's many interesting recollections of bygone days are those of plowing out the Homestead road with a 1-horse snow plow, and of seeing the town street lights cared for. There was perhaps a dozen of these glass-enclosed kerosene lamps located in the Center, and they were collected daily in a pushcart and taken to be filled and trimmed. He also recalls the custom some 75 years ago of providing wooden sawdust-filled cuspidors in church for some of the tobacco-chewing members of the congregation.

Mr. Parkhurst was born in the house now owned by Miss Gertrude A. Roberts, but has lived in his present house 82 years. Both of these houses were built by his father. His son, Eliot King, is a Billerica resident, father of three children, and an agent for the Metropolitan Life Insurance Co.

## Walter Perham

The Hon. Walter Perham, son of the town's historian, Henry S. Perham, and father of the present postmaster, Sidney C. Perham, has been a lifelong resident of the town except for a very brief period. He was prominent in local affairs for many years and served the state as representative, sena-

tor, and Governor's councillor. He has held many town offices and will be remembered particularly as the conscientious and patient moderator of many stormy town meetings. He carried on the family cider and vinegar business, founded in 1840, and is the 9th generation from the first Perham to come to America from England. Since his retirement, Mr. Perham spends much of his time reading history. He remembers with pleasure his trip to Chelmsford, England, many years ago, finding there in the parish registers the names of many of the families familiar to him in the American Chelmsford. He has a special interest in the coming 300th anniversary, for he was chairman of the board of selectmen during the 250th anniversary year and gave an address of welcome on the same occasion at which his father gave the historical address during that celebration.

## Mrs. Celia Park Dow

Mrs. Celia (Battles) Park Dow of the South section is another of our elder citizens who is keenly interested in the present but also has most interesting and clear memories of the past. Granddaughter of the Rev. John Parkhurst and daughter of Harriet (Parkhurst) Battles, Mrs. Dow lived as a child in her grandfather's house, now occupied by the Pontefracts, on Robin Hill Road. She attended school at South Chelmsford and at the little brick district school house No. 5 at the junction of Littleton Rd. and Oak St. A graduate of Framingham Normal School, Mrs. Dow taught in several Chelmsford and out-of-town schools before her mar-

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Mr. and Mrs. Jean Baptiste Noel celebrated their 70th wedding anniversary this year. Mr. Noel is 89 while Mrs. Noel is 88. He is now living at Sunny Acres Rest Home in Chelmsford while Mrs. Noel is living with her son, Romeo at 40 Parkhurst Road, Chelmsford. They were married at the Immaculate Conception church in Lowell on February 18, 1885. Three of their ten children are still living, Mrs. John O. Brooks of Evergreen St., Romeo Noel of 40 Parkhurst road, and Amedee A. Noel of Ware, Mass.

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 riage to the late A. Heady Park. She has always maintained her interest in young people and served as a member of the School Committee from 1910 to 1916. Her son, Homer Battles Park, now connected with a Chicago investment firm, is a graduate of Harvard College. One of Mrs. Dow's hobbies is memorizing poetry; she is also currently studying plane geometry and reading Thoreau's A Week on the Concord and Merrimack Rivers. She also takes great pleasure in receiving and writing letters, and in telling of her acquaintances in the past. She knew Miss Eliza Hunt who was such a prominent figure in the early history of All Saints' Church, for example, and one of her neighbors for many years was a former student in drawing and painting of Miss May Alcott of Concord.

one of her teachers was Miss Hannah Hunt of the well-known Hunt family. For a few years Mrs. Warren was employed in the office of the C. I. Hood Co. in Lowell before her marriage to Arthur M. Warren of Chelmsford who was engaged in the lumber business and farming. He died in 1931 in California. Mrs. Warren and her family have always taken a great interest in local musical affairs and have contributed much to the enjoyment of various social groups. Mrs. Warren studied music under Edward Everett Adams and in her early 'teens became organist of the Unitarian church for 14 years. She also gave music lessons. All of her children showed musical ability and all were first trained in piano before taking up other instruments. A family orchestra was organized with piano, clarinet, violin and cello, and the

Warren trio also performed on various occasions. Miss Miriam Warren has been a member of orchestras in Lynn and Milton, under the direction of Boston Symphony players, and Mrs. Fogg is now choir director at the Unitarian church and a teacher of piano. Mrs. Warren has been for many years a most faithful and energetic worker in the Women's Alliance of that church.

These five residents are all well over 80 years of age and represent various fields of special endeavor--homemaking, business, politics, education and music. Through their industry and devotion they have made many contributions to their town. They are still enthusiastic alert individuals with a variety of interests--not the least of them being their grandchildren and great grandchildren. To them all we pay our affectionate respects.

**Mrs. Mabel Warren**

Mrs. Mabel (Emerson) Warren returned to her childhood home here from California 30 years ago and now lives with a daughter, Miss Miriam Warren, 91 Boston Rd., Center. She has two married children living nearby with their families--Edwin H. Warren and Mrs. Donald Fogg, while Mrs. Wm. H. Peck (Eleanor Warren) lives in Stow, and A. Carlton Warren, a teacher in the Brookline schools, is a Lexington resident. Mrs. Warren was the daughter of the late H. Herbert Emerson, a Civil War Veteran, and Eliza J. (Parkhurst) Emerson. She attended the local schools and



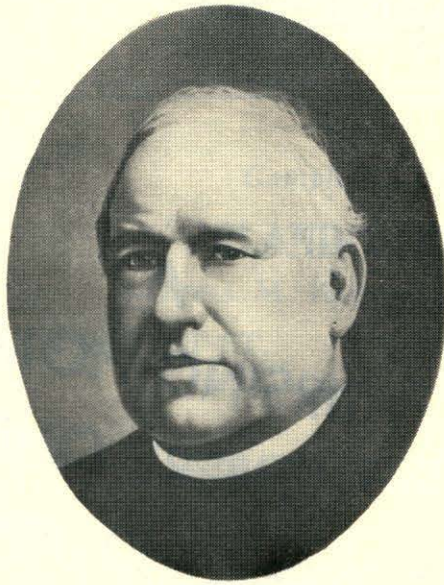
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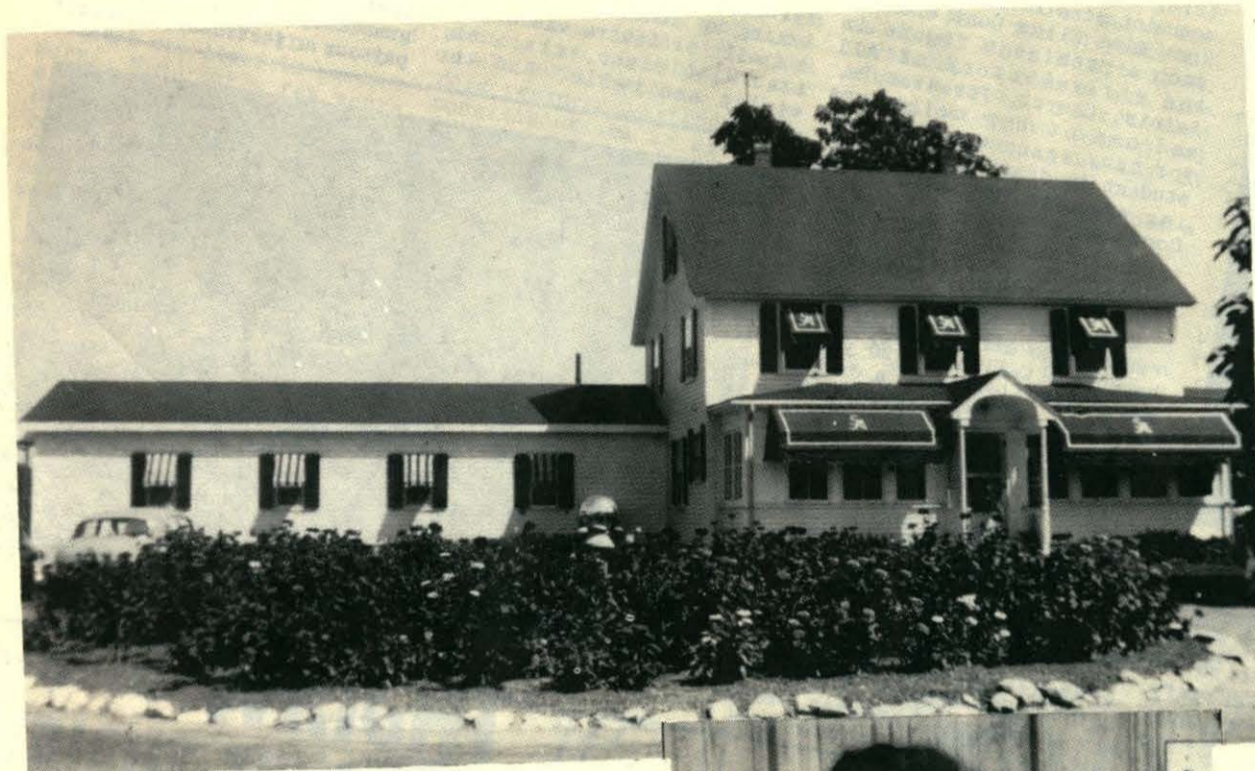
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Of Nursing Homes**

The American Association of Nursing Homes is now in the sixth year of its existence as a national organization and our growth has been phenomenal. We have experienced our growing pains, we have made mistakes, and we have sometimes failed to take measures to make ourselves more effective. This was to be expected. However, we now encompass States touching on both oceans, the Gulf, and the frontiers of Canada and Mexico.

The American Association of Nursing Homes is composed of organized State Associations, which in turn, restricts their membership to licensed nursing homes and similar institutions. Each State Association is self-governing. Individual memberships are not available except through prior membership in an organized and affiliated State Association, and such membership is then automatic.

It would be difficult to over-estimate the important role the nursing home occupies and will continue to occupy in the American Health picture from this day forward. The



Float presented by the Massachusetts Federation of Nursing Homes, Middlesex-Essex Chapter.

nursing home administrator who has been engaged in this business for as few as ten years have seen some startling

changes and improvements: improvement in care, in recognition and acceptance by the public, the medical profession, and the governments, a gradual up-gradng toward our goal of professional status. Yet the changes which have occurred by no means represent what will likely take place in the future, but merely are rounds on the ladder of history.

Reams could be written about the probable niche of nursing homes in society. Science tells us that our span of life is increasing, due to advances in medicine. One hundred years ago the average length of life was 38 years; today it is near 70. At the same time the average age is increasing, people are living longer; at present 8.5% are 65 or older. With the natural increase in populations, now at the rate of seven thousand persons each day, the potential is increasing in

a geometrical ratio; increase in length of life times increase in population. This factor alone would tend to in-

crease the importance of nursing homes in the scheme of things.

The American people have traditionally cared for their less fortunate people and particularly, their elderly and infirm ones. The public will insist that care for them be good, and as time goes on, will certainly see to it that all such care meet an acceptable level.

These facts will indicate to you the growing importance of the American Association of Nursing Homes and its affiliated States to encourage the individual nursing home administrator to continually strive for higher levels of care, a higher sense of responsibility on the part of those caring for the ill and infirm and greater safeguards to insure compliance with the demands which will be made upon them by the public.

We of The American Association of Nursing Homes sincerely believe that better care can be accomplished by associating ourselves together with that as our principal goal.

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Considered as one of the best plays presented by the Unitarian Players was "Harvey". Pictured are, seated, l to r, Blanche Weeks and Thomas Brooks; standing, l to r, J. Edward Calkins, Amy Bartlett, Beatrice Beausoliel, George Dupee, Muriel Malloy, Sheppard Bartlett, Briton Saterlee, Clifford Walker and Betsy Armour.

**People**

There are those living in South Chelmsford who have known the late Frank Elmer Smith from a boy, who learn with regret of his death while entering upon manhood. There are those who met him upon these country roads, who kindly remember his pleasant greeting, "Good morning! This is a lovely day!" We do not always realize how much a pleasant work spoken upon the highway may cheer us, and how it would be missed if heard no more. Let us not forget his good qualities. May we who have

wished him well have strength to love the truth and do right.

1886. 'The reunion of the Fletcher family in Lowell next week will probably have its representatives from Chelmsford--the descendants of William, who was one of the original settlers of the town and one of its first board of management in 1654. For 200 years, as the records show, the Fetters have been honored with various municipal trusts and always have been among our most worthy and respected

townsmen.'

1886. During the past three or four Sundays this part of the town has been infested with scores of men and boys from the city who overrun our orchards and woods, and by the constant discharge of firearms with other noisy demonstrations give to the place anything but a Sabbath stillness. It is suggested that the powers that be imitate the example of some of our sister towns and take measures to abate these predatory nuisances.



Mrs. Arthur Sheldon's ball gown worn at the 250th anniversary celebration is displayed by Miss Frances Clark at Historical Society's open house. Mr. Sheldon was a member of the celebration committee in 1905 and Selectman from North Chelmsford. The dress was loaned by Mrs. John Carr, Mrs. Sheldon's granddaughter. Miss Clark poses near fireplace in the Historical Society's museum.

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