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WELCOME



FIREMEN!

To Bristol's July 4th Celebration—New England's Finest,
And to the 57th Annual New England League Muster

This and That
from
Here and There
The Scribe

What were they doing on the Fourth in Bristol just fifty years ago? Best place to find the answer to that was the 1903 file of The Phoenix and that's where I went for what follows. The Fourth came on Saturday as it does this year. And speaking generally of the celebration The Phoenix said, "It was a continual bang from early Friday evening until late in the night on the Fourth."

Col. S. P. Colt kept open house at Linden Place the night before and entertained a large party of friends. The grounds in front of the mansion were handsomely decorated. Strings of red and green Japanese lanterns were looped from tree to tree. On both sides of the main walk leading to the entrance were flags, lanterns, and colored lights. The house was brilliantly illuminated and on the front hung a large American flag. The street in front was crowded and at times the noise was so great that the band concert could scarcely be heard. After a big display of fireworks on the lawn the party adjourned to the carriage house where dancing was enjoyed until the small hours of the morning.

The one and only Ed Anthony was chairman of the celebration committee. Chief Marshal of the parade was L. Maitland Minsher and his chief of staff was J. Winthrop DeWolf. The parade was made up of four divisions. The first was led by Wallis E. Howe and his aides were A. Archer, H. Payson, W. F. Payson and Walter Hackney. It was made up of military and naval organizations led by the Bristol Train of Artillery. The second division marshal was Wendell R. Davis and included all the dignitaries riding in carriages. This was followed by the firemen's division led by Joseph E. Simmons and then came the fourth division marshaled by Frank A. Ingraham. In this division were the Council Dom Luiz Felipe, Divino Espiritu Santo Society, Società Italiana di M. S., and Reale Principessa Elena di Napoli.

At the exercises in the "opera house" the large audience heard Miss Mary P. Rounds read the Declaration and Col. Frank T. Easton of Providence make the principal address. Master of ceremonies was J. Winthrop DeWolf.

The big event of the afternoon program, was the ball game. Over 2,000 people encircled the diamond on the Common and the picture in The Phoenix gives a remarkably good panorama of the game and the crowd watching it—especially the women's styles. The battery for Bristol was Van Almkirk, pitching, and Tucker, catching. R. Connery played right field and other Bristol players were Horton, Warren, Lavin, Harrington, Higgins and Lyons.

Other afternoon events were the hose reel races, the band concert on the common and the greased pole—with two boxes of cigars and a five dollar bill as the prizes. There was to have been a cutter race but only one cutter was available so it was called off. In the evening the Common was again crowded with thousands of people to hear the band concert and to watch the fine display of fireworks.

The younger generation were very busy and apparently had no regard whatever for private property. Anything burnable that wasn't tied down landed in one or the other of the several bonfires around town. The Phoenix says: "After midnight the noise increased and bands of young men and boys paraded the streets. Bonfires were lighted at the corner of Hope and Bradford streets, on Hope in front of the Y.M.C.A. building, on the Common, and at various places on Wood Street. In furnishing food for the flames the young men seemed to forget the rights of citizens and took property belonging to other people which they carried to the fires."

John Adams said in 1776, "It ought to be commemorated as the Day of Deliverance by solemn Acts of Devotion to God Almighty. It ought to be solemnized with Pomp and Parade, with Shews, Games, Sports, Guns, Bells, Bonfires and Illumination. . . ." And that is just how it is in Bristol on the Fourth.

GIVE...to the
+Mile of Pennies+

USS Bristol and USS Purvis Arrive In Harbor; 168th Celebration Opens



JOHN H. TUPLIN
Chief Marshal

Millemaggi Asks Sewer Explanation

Council to Consider

Amputee Parking Law

After Councilman Paul C. Millemaggi declared he would "rather have a verbal explanation before this body" as to why the Sewer Construction Committee had not repaired Cole Street, the town council last night voted to ask sewer officials to appear at the next meeting.

Millemaggi, long a critic of the manner in which the sewer overhaul has been handled, declared the sewer committee "contradict themselves" regarding availability of funds to repair streets torn up during the sewer job.

His remarks came after a letter from Arthur J. Genthner, chairman of the special construction committee, was read to the council. In it Genthner explained that he had told the previous council the condition of Cole Street was "exceedingly poor" before the sewer job, with only one lane possible. He said the sewer committee was only responsible for 100 feet of the street, with the cost to put it in shape estimated at \$430.

He concluded his letter, however, by informing the council that it will be "impossible to do any further work" on the street since the sewer project is completed and no further funds are available.

On a question from Millemaggi, Highway Surveyor Reynolds G. Northup said no work at all has been done by the sewer unit on town streets since last fall.

Millemaggi then declared that Genthner stated last February to the former council that funds for repair of Cole Street were available and were being put aside to do the work.

"Now the story changed," Millemaggi said. "One time they had money set aside and now they say they haven't."

The council voted to ask Genthner and Frank L. Heaney, engineer of the sewer overhaul to appear at the next meeting of the Council.

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Dr. Thomas New Solicitor; Accardi Clerk of Court

Dr. Raymond A. Thomas, local attorney active in numerous civic and veterans organizations, was unanimously appointed Bristol Town Solicitor last night by the town council.

He succeeds Joseph D. Accardi, named yesterday by Gov. Dennis J. Roberts as new clerk of the Fifth District Court. Accardi, who was appointed town solicitor by the new Democratic town council which took office following March 11 election victory this spring, succeeds the late Emilio D. Iannucillo of Bristol in the clerkship.

Accardi attended Brown University and won his law degree from Boston College Law School. He has been admitted to practice in both Massachusetts and R. I., and also serves as director of the Columbus Credit Union, Warren. He is a member of the K. of C., Jaycees, Lions Club, and the Eagles, is married, and lives at 6 Second Street.

Dr. Thomas, who holds three legal degrees including that of doctor of jurisprudence, is a past commander of Kearney Post, American Legion, and has held several district and state Legion posts. He is president of the Bristol Lions Club, and is active in numerous other local organizations.

Has He Travelled The Greatest Distance?

Lt. Joseph G. A. Riccio is in town for the holidays, all the way from Hawaii. He believes that he has come the farthest distance to be in Bristol on the Fourth. However, Lt. Riccio says that if there are any who have from Korea just to be here for the Fourth, "I'll bow to him gladly." On his return he expects to be stationed at San Francisco. He is accompanied by his wife and two boys.



RALPH G. McCAW
Celebration Chairman

Ye Old Editor Views 1854 4th

W. H. S. Bayley, first editor of the Phoenix, was given to a combination of moralizing and whimsy, together with a favorable news style, which provide entertaining background on July 4th celebrations in this town a century ago.

For example, in 1852 he had to say of the celebration: "As a matter of course on such days of public celebration we must expect a due portion of alloy."

'Each pleasure hath its poison too,
And every sweet a snare.'

"An unusual quantity of these announcements in the shape of Chinese crackers were in continuous explosion from earliest dawn until later eve in our public streets. It seemed as if every pebble contained a collection of powder with a slow match attached. Such an annoyance to man and beast is becoming intolerable. . . ."

A stout temperance crusader, the old editor commented on another aspect of the 1852 observance thus:

"The demon of rum, made a somewhat bolder onset this year than usual. But, with a few exceptions, we are happy that our own mature citizens kept themselves so generally aloof from the accursed thing."

And in his news story of the 1854 celebration, the editor calmly recorded the following incident:

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PATRIOTIC EXERCISES

Program

Musical Selections
INDEPENDENT BAND
Master of Ceremonies
FRANCIS J. MURPHY
Invocation
REV. FRANCIS J. PARELLA
Declaration of Independence
ANTHONY J. NUNES
Speaker of the Day
HON. JOHN MUCCIO
former U. S. Ambassador to Korea
National Anthem
VERNON A. GRAY
Benediction
FATHER PARELLA

Benefit Circus Ticket Sale On

At a special meeting of the Circus Committee of the Bristol Lions Club which was held Wednesday night, plans were furthered for the Hunt Bros. Circus which will be in Bristol on Tuesday, July 28th for the benefit of the recent Bradford Street fire victims.

Advance sale tickets will go on sale immediately and may be purchased at the following stores:

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HON. JOHN J. MUCCIO
Principal Speaker

4th Fund \$1201 at 11th Hour

On the eve of the 1953 July 4th celebration, a total of \$1201 has been contributed by Bristol citizens.

The latest donation list is as follows: Previously acknowledged \$633.50

\$100
Mt. Hope Bridge Corporation

\$25
Bernard J. Hogue
U. S. Rubber Company
Mrs. Amy B. Hogue
Bristol County Water Co.
Mr. and Mrs. Henry Wood

\$20
Florence and Robert Nelson

\$15
Anonymous
Marilyn Monroe's Rival
Mr. and Mrs. John D. Moore
Dr. John P. Murphy
Manny's Ringside Grill
E. Dallaire and Son
Ezra Dixon Jr.
Frank J. Murphy

\$10
Bristol Lace Works
Wallis E. Howe
Mr. and Mrs. F. M. Dixon Jr.
Paul C. Nicholson

\$5
John W. DeWolf Jr.
Max Makowsky
C. C. Hronek
Thomas C. Jannsen
A. A. Edmonds
C. W. Weaver
Mabel C. Dunbar
William H. Van Voast
Freddie's Furniture
Raymond Bass
William T. McCarthy
A Providence Friend
Vorro's Express
E. Hugh Holmes
Samuel A. Hall
Castle Construction Co.
Wallace L. Mossop
Weetamoe Farm
Church Bros.
Mr. and Mrs. Raymond A. Warner
Anita C. Tabor
Antonio Natri
Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert Hardy
Mr. and Mrs. Fred Palmer
Michael Jamiel
Rucci the Tailor
Bristol Radio and Electric Co.
Leo's Pizzeria
Union Commercial Hardware
Central Paint and Supply Co.

\$5
Mrs. Sarah B. Dixon
Hezekiah Church
Helena M. Sanford
Robert Nelson
Helena M. Sanford and Robert Nelson
Natalie W. Herreshoff
Russell W. Southwick
J. Kevlin Connery
Augustine B. Nerone

\$2.50
Castro Brothers Market

\$2 donations \$14
\$1 donations \$9

Total to date \$1201

EDWARD L. FREEMAN
Chief of Staff

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To Read Declaration

4th Events

July 3

9:00 a.m.—U.S.S. Bristol and U.S.S. Purvis anchor in Bristol Harbor for the celebration.

3:00 p.m.—Reception for Navy and Coast Guard officers at Bristol Yacht Club.

5:30—County Soap Box Derby Race, Bay View Avenue.

7:00—"Miss Fourth of July" beauty contest, Reynolds School.

7:30 to 9:00—Boxing Matches at Reynolds School.

8:00 to 10:00—Band Concert at Colt Memorial High School.

9:00 to 12:00—Block Dance at Reynolds School honoring crews of C.G.C. Spar, U.S.S. Bristol and U.S.S. Purvis.

10:00 to 2:00 a.m.—Dance at Yacht Club honoring Navy and Coast Guard officers.

Midnight—Bonfire at The Castle, head of the Harbor.

July 4

6:00 a.m.—Ringling of Church Bells.

9:15—Crowning of "Miss Fourth of July," Bandstand, Common.

9:30—Patriotic exercises at Colt Memorial High School.

10:30—Parade Begins at Reynolds School, John H. Tuplin, Chief Marshal.

11:15—Artillery Salute by R. I. National Guard on the Common.

11:30—Fly-over by 152 Fighter Squadron, R.I.A.N.G.

12 noon—National Salute (21 guns) by U.S.S. Purvis.

1:00 p.m.—57th annual championship muster of the New England States Veteran Firemen's League on the Common.

1:00 to 5:00—General visiting aboard the U.S.S. Bristol and U.S.S. Purvis, launches leave from Church St. wharf.

2:30—Band Concert on Common bandstand by combined Navy Band.

6:00—Ringling of church bells.

10:30—Aerial fireworks display at The Castle, head of the Harbor.

July 5

1:00 to 3:30 p.m.—General visiting aboard Navy ships.

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Firemen Pour In for Muster

Council President Bruno Greeted Navy Skippers

Promptly at nine o'clock this morning the two Navy destroyers Bristol and Hugh Purvis dropped their anchors in this harbor, starting the 168th celebration of Independence Day in this town.

Ralph G. McCaw, chairman of the Fourth of July committee, was on hand at ten o'clock to meet the captains of the two ships as they arrived at the Yacht Club landing.

In informal ceremonies at the Town Hall, Joseph F. Bruno, town council president, greeted Captains N. E. Thomas of the Purvis and D. K. O'Connor of the Bristol.

Meanwhile a promise from the weather bureau assured Bristol of excellent weather all the way through the three-day celebration.

Firemen from all parts of New England began arriving around noontime, with a crew from Bath, Maine leading the visitors.

A reception for the officers of the Navy ships by the Fourth of July committee will start the ball rolling at 3 o'clock this afternoon.

A holiday atmosphere took charge of the town this morning after all threats of bad weather cleared. Considerable rain fell during last night, dampening the dusty Common.

As a sidelight to the big bonfire tonight, several impromptu fires are planned by neighbors around town. The largest will be on the sand pit at the Bristol Narrows.

The Fourth of July committee wound up its pre-celebration activities last night at a meeting at the YMCA. Reports from all sub-committees showed each event on the long schedule ready to go.

TV Setup Starts Here at 6 a. m.

Rhode Island's top two TV commentators will do the honors tomorrow when the twelve-division parade marches along Hope Street.

Ted Metcalf and Russ Van Arsdale of WJAR-TV will describe the parade to viewers all over southern New England.

The telecast is scheduled between 11 a.m. and 12 noon and will originate from cameras placed on Hope Street near the Post Office and at the corner of John Street.

The telecast is the first of its type in this area. It will employ the WJAR-TV \$55,000 remote TV truck. This is the greatest distance the station has yet operated a live broadcast.

From the cameras a signal will be sent to a transmitter atop the Belvedere Hotel, where it will be "shot" directly to the Telephone Building in Providence.

The TV picture then goes to the station in the Outlet Co., where it is relayed to transmitters in Rehoboth, Mass.

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Marshal's Division
Military Police Platoon
Bristol Police Platoon

Chief Marshal
John H. Tuplin
Chief-of-Staff
Edward L. Freeman
Color Guard of the
Bristol Train of Artillery

Portuguese Independent Band
Chief Marshal's Aides
Distinguished Guests
"Miss Fourth of July" Float

1st Division
Maj. Edward J. Fitzgerald
Marshal
Roma Band
155th Howitzer Battalion,
U.S.M.C.R.
Soap Box Derby Float

2nd Division
Roswell S. Bosworth, Sr.
Marshal
Aides
Combined Navy Band
Color Guard
Personnel of U. S. S. Bristol
Personnel, Bristol Depot

3rd Division
Lt. Col. Everett E. McMillan
Colors
88th Army Band
Battery C, 243rd AAA Bn.
Air Force Color Guard
152nd Fighter Squadron,
R.I.N.G.

Providence Marine Corps of
Artillery Band
Composite Company of the
43rd Division
Bristol Mfg. Co. Float

4th Division
Daniel G. Coggeshall
Honorary Marshal
Norman J. Servant, Marshal
Rangers Drum and Bugle Corps
Handtubs:
Hydraulion of Bristol
Defiance, Bristol, R. I.
Hancock, Ashburnham, Mass.
Winnemset No. 2, Chelsea,
Mass.

Volunteer, East Greenwich
Band
Gerry No. 5, Marblehead, Mass.
Protection No. 2, Newbury, Mass.
Band
Alabama Coon, Ipswich, Mass.
Torrent No. 1, Bath, Maine
Band
Eureka, Portsmouth, N. H.
Neptune, Newburyport, Mass.
Band

Passaconaway, Seabrook, N. H.
Oko's, Marblehead, Mass.
Band
Gov. Bradstreet, N. Andover,
Mass.

Deluge, Berwick, Maine
Rocky Point Beauties
5th Division
Band

Chief Oscar A. Riashe, Marshal
Board of Fire Engineers
Red Devils Band
Civil Defense Float
Hydraulion Engine and Hose Co.
Dreadnaught Hook, Ladder and
Hose Co.

Defiance Engine and Hose Co.
Ever Ready Engine and
Hose Co.
B.F.D. Rescue Squad
U. S. Rubber Co. Fire Dept.

6th Division
Raymond DeLeo, Marshal
V.F.W. Float
Eugene C. Perry Post,
V.F.W. Drum Corps
V.F.W. District Officers
Anthony C. Almeida Post, V.F.W.
United Spanish War Veterans
Veterans Home
St. Angelo Float

7th Division
Richard Renshausen, Marshal
State Commander American
Legion
Grand Chef de Gare, 40 and 8
Arnold Zweir Post Band
Kearney Post No. 6, American
Legion

Newport Post No. 7
Barrington Post No. 8
Riverside Post No. 10
Warren Post No. 11
Portsmouth Post No. 18
Stark-Parker Post No. 21
Little Compton Post No. 37
Tiverton Post No. 59
Middletown Post No. 66
Drummond Post No. 50

Posts from District 1, 3 and 4
Forty and Eight Voiture No. 252
Voiture No. 1183 and 1166
and 40 and 8 Units
(with locomotives)

8th Division
Ralph F. Kinder, Marshal
Antique Cars

9th Division
Matthias Brito, Marshal
Holy Rosary Drum & Bugle
Corps

White Rail Float
Italian-American W. W. Vets
Lawson-Raiola Post D.A.V.
Central Falls Aux. Police
First Regiment Infantry, S.V.R.
Bristol Chapter, D.A.R.

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Boys Were Boys on the 'Fourth' in Thompson's Day

Lads of Yore Played Rough

By Charles O. F. Thompson

There were only a few elderly night watchmen in town to out-... they had been boys themselves once. Those two facts contrib-... to the success of more than one 'Night Before the Fourth' when I was a boy in Bristol. The worst that could happen to any of us would be to get caught and locked up in the jail until daylight. Re-... then, they would send us home to breakfast with a good-natured prod in the ribs from their night-sticks.

In those days, the town lights were out at 12 o'clock. You see how thoughtful the town fathers were of us youngsters. We had already scouted the town for any chance accumulation of boxes or rubbish, in fact, anything that would burn, and had also checked up on the cops and their beats in reference to these accumulations. We used to find that back of the grocery stores and down in the cellars underneath were the best places for fire fodder. Boxes, crates and a few barrels thrown in for good measure were quickly rushed to the street and in a few moments the flames would be licking the branches of the over-... head elms.

'Uncle Ben'

Then in the distance we would hear the stern voice of 'Uncle Ben,' as everybody called him, as he came puffing and blowing up the street, and yelling at the

top of his lungs. 'Fire! Fire! Put that fire out or I'll arrest ye in the name of the law.'

Fading back out of the range of the light, we would silently watch him as he attached a garden hose to a nearby faucet and proceeded to extinguish the flames. In about a half-hour another fire would break out further up the street, and 'Uncle Ben' would again run through the streets hollering, 'Fire! Fire!' This time there was no garden hose to fall back upon, so all he could do was to attack the flames with his long night stick and take a few vigorous kicks at the charred embers. This slow procedure used to provoke him into showering threats as to what he was going to do when he got his hands on any of us; but I never remember of him every doing anything. We liked 'Uncle Ben' and he was fond of us. He never said a word about it the next time he saw any of us.

The Sexton's Boast

One old bird boasted around town one year just before the Fourth of July that the boys weren't going to ring his bell the night before. He was the sexton of one of the churches, and after ringing his bell at midnight to usher in the glorious Fourth, he climbed up into the belfry and pulled the bell rope up after him. He was so full of rheumatism that his joints fairly creaked all the way up.

A couple of the youngsters stealthily climbed up after him and while he was busy with the rope reached up and pulled the trap door shut. Then they fastened it so he could not get down. The old bell ringer pleaded and begged and finally threatened, but to no avail. The boys had him just where they wanted him. So they bid him a cordial good night and left him to enjoy the cool night air, trusting that someone would let him out when it got daylight.

Won His Wife

In addition to the big salutes, there were those dainty little 'ladies' crackers.' I always liked them for it was with these small tokens I won my wife. At the time, I wasn't having very much success with my courting. Too many rivals was my trouble. Well, anyhow, one Fourth, as it was beginning to turn dusk, I made up my mind I would go up to her house and ask her to go to the band concert with me.

On the way up I stopped in the store and bought about 30 packages of these little crackers. When I got up there I strung them along the rail of the front fence, end to end, and then touched them off. Talk about a bombardment! She came rushing out of the front door and her father after her. I hadn't counted on him, for I was only interested in his daughter, and he was only concerned about his newly painted fence.

Well, anyway, to make a long story short, I got the devil from the old gent but eventually got the daughter. Also we went to the band concert that night. I rather guess she felt sorry for me—if you could have heard what the old man said to me, you'd have felt sorry too—for my intentions were all right. For a long time after that, whenever she would see a firecracker she would start to smile.

Chairman 30 Years

Any account of Bristol's celebrations in the past could never be complete without mentioning the name of Edward Anthony, who would be nearly 120 if living today. An active member of every Fourth of July committee from 1874 until the time of his death in 1914, he was looked upon as the 'backbone' of the organization. For over 30 years he was its chairman.

His collection of Fourth of July badges, forty of them covering this span of time from 1874 to 1914, each one of which had been worn by him on the lapel of his double-breasted blue coat, is most interesting to those who

knew him. During the Civil War he served as a member of Company I, Seventh R. I. Infantry, and at one time was orderly to General Burnside.

All of his life 'Ed' had a weakness for candy—that is, one special kind of candy, those large lemon balls they used to sell. 'Ed' always had a pocket full of them and was never without one of the balls stuck in the side of his cheek. His cheek would be all puffed out. We kids used to holler, 'Who! Who!' to him, and he never failed to answer us in kind.

Went to Washington

For years we have always had one of Uncle Sam's warships with us over the Fourth. I remember one year (I think it was the last one 'Ed' was with us) when the prospects of having a ship assigned to Bristol were not very encouraging. We were discussing the situation in front of the post office one night while waiting for the evening mail to be sorted. The time was getting short, only a few days from the Fourth. When 'Ed' came out of the

post office we could tell from the expression on his face that we were not to have one of Uncle Sam's ships with us that year. He didn't say a word, only kept looking at his watch and feeling in his pockets. All at once he announced, 'I'm going to Washington tonight, and I'm going to get that battleship.'

He did go to Washington and what's more, one of Uncle Sam's ships steamed into our harbor on July 3rd and dropped its mud-hook off Poppasquash Point.

A few years ago I happened to be lunching in Boston on the day before the Fourth. Seated at the next table were a couple of traveling men discussing their plans for the next day. One of them said, 'I'll tell you what we will do. If you want to have a bang-up time, you come with me tomorrow. Down in Rhode Island there is a little town named Bristol where they know how to celebrate.'

At his words I instantly pricked up my ears and listened. 'I'll

tell you how I happened to hear of it,' he went on. 'One Fourth of July about ten years ago I was marooned in a little town way out in North Dakota. There were several of us drummers there that day, and all we did was to sit in the small lobby of the only hotel the place boasted of and look out of the window and watch it rain pitchforks all day long.'

'Sure Know How'

'One of the fellows, a stranger to me, observed, 'You know where I'd like to be right now—I'd like to be down in little Rhode Island—a town, I've forgotten the name of it where they build the racing yachts. They sure know how to celebrate the Fourth in that little town.' Then he went on to tell how he himself was caught in the town over the Fourth one year and received the surprise of his life when the celebrating got under way. Ever since then, whenever he is within traveling distance, he makes it a point to spend the Fourth of July in Bristol.'

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Scouts Have Played a Vital Part In Bristol's July 4th Observances

By George R. Fish

Scouting has played a most prominent part in the Fourth of July celebration in Bristol, during the past forty years, not only in the morning parade but in other activities as well.

The first appearance of Scouting in the local Fourth of July celebration was in 1913 when the First Bristol Troop marched for the first time in a Fourth of July parade. The troop was organized in November 1912 and on Saturday will be marching in their 41st Fourth of July parade.

In their first appearance the scouts wore khaki coats with shoulder straps and oxide buttons, one piece breeches and leggings and a campaign hat with a tin eagle with spread wings on it. They wore knapsacks with the initials in black, R.I.B.S. (Rhode Island Boy Scouts) on them and carried staves (a five foot pole, one inch in diameter and divided into feet).

Saturday when they appear in the parade they will be wearing the official summer uniform, shorts and dressup white satin neckerchief, with a red border and the Indian and canoe emblem on them in red.

The Bristol Boy Scout Bugle and Drum Corps, one drum and two bugles, also made their first appearance in the 1913 parade, as a part of the First Troop.

Town's Only Units

The First Troop and the drum corps were the only two scout units in the town until after World War I and so each year they took part in the Fourth of July parade, the drum corps grew and grew and in 1914 had added bass drum and cymbal players. In the parade on the Fourth that year they had a fourteen-piece band.

In 1919 Troop 2 made its appearance in the parade and that same year the Scout Division of the parade was inaugurated with Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts making up the division.

In 1921 Troop Three was added to the parade. In 1922 Troop Four came into being and in 1925 Troop Five made it quite a division. These units together with invited out-of-town scouts, which started in 1922, made the Scout Division one of the largest in the annual Fourth of July parade, for many years.

Largest in Parade

In 1925 Troop 5 Bristol was organized and in November 1930 Sea Scout Ship Kearney came into being. Then in 1933 Cub Pack 14 started and in October 1939 Troop Six was formed. These



George R. Fish

augmented the Scout division of the parade until finally it became the largest division in the entire procession.

Although at present there are only five troops of scouts there are two large Cub Packs, an Explorer-post and a Sea Scout ship. These with other troops of Bristol County District will make up the Scout Division this year as they have for many years past. Not only have the scouts taken part in the big parade but in 1916 the First Troop gave an exhibition drill on the common and several different years district rallies were held on the common Fourth of July afternoon with such events as tent pitching, fire building, string burning, and pioneering events to delight the spectators.

Scout Float

A number of times one or more of the scout units have entered a float or two in the Fourth parade. This year at least one float will appear in the Scout Division.

Another year the First Troop put on a bicycle troop exhibition on the common and scouts participated in track and field events for two or three years when the Fourth of July committee had sports on the afternoon programs.

From time to time Boy Scout Bugle and Drum Corps have appeared in the division and these have included the Warren Scout Band (before the Indians); Troop 2 Central Falls Corps; Slatersville Scout Corps; Pawtuxet Valley Troops Corps; Troop 11 (negro) Providence Corps and Troop 72 Providence unit.

With the exception of one year, Scoutmaster George R. Fish has been the Marshal of the Boy

Scout Division and he has had as his aides Boy and Girl Scouts who have been outstanding each year.

Back in the twenties and early thirties the Scouts used to have a food concession on the common. That is in the days when the concessions, except the rides were conducted by local business men or organizations.

In 1914 and 1915 when the Boy Scouts of Greater Providence Council, camped at Mount Hope, at Camp King Philip, those scouts who were encamped there on July 4th marched in the local parade.

During the war years the scout units had various emergency groups march in the parade such as first aid corps; Scout emergency corps; Signal squads, life saving units and messenger groups.

The Bristol Boy Scout Bugle and Drum Corps have headed the Scout division ever since it was started, except that when they changed their name to 'The Kingmen', which was last year, they appeared under the latter name as they will again this year.

Separate Girl Scouts

For the past few years the scout division was so big with both Boy and Girl Scouts in it that the Fourth of July committee decided to separate the Boy and Girl Scouts into two separate divisions and that is the way they will march this year.

Ever since Scout Hall was built back in 1916 the Scout Division has formed in front of Scout Hall, and marched to their place in line near the intersection of State and High Streets, already to move out as a division.

This year in addition to the five troops of Boy Scouts the two Cub packs, and the Explorer units, Troops 1, 3, 25 and 49 Warren and 1 and 2 Barrington will march in the Scout Division and Troop 1, Warren is planning to enter a float.

And so, outside of the fireman's division, which has probably been in existence ever since the Fourth of July parade started in Bristol, the Scout Division is the next oldest with 41 years to its credit.

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Mrs. Alice B. Morgan's Fiscal 'Road Map' Out

Not long ago, some one remarked to Alice B. Morgan, that for what she has done to help people do something beneficial with their funds, — her efforts ought to be perpetuated in a book.

That book has been written, and is now ready to be launched, — on, it is to be hoped, — an indulgent public.

The title is "Investors' Road Map". There are about 105 pages, and 9 illustrations, — the latter by Mrs. Florence C. Moulton of Wiscasset, Maine, whom several Bristolians met on her visit here last December. (The price of the book is \$2.00.)

If advance indications materialize, Bristol bids fair to become the most stock conscious town on the map.

This work has been published and edited by Mrs. Morgan herself, because of her firm conviction that such a book is much needed all over the country. It is planned primarily for women investors, "the actual, the would-be's and the should-be's," — to quote from the foreword. It is dedicated to Mrs. Morgan's investment class members, who have been unfailing in their interest and co-operation. In fact one entire chapter is comprised of their remarks.

The approach is direct and personal. From experience in the classes and elsewhere, the author has had ample and repeated opportunities to learn just what the problems are, and what questions arise in the minds of these members, who are a cross section of thousands of women in the country at large. (The problems met here are those of others in similar situations.)

There are common sense lessons about security investments. Allied topics are also taken up briefly. — There is a short history of Wall Street and the beginnings of the Stock Exchanges. Also included is a chapter on private enterprise, with the reaction of

our Founding Fathers on this point.

There is constant emphasis on one of the main themes, — the importance of women's learning how to handle their own investments.

This desirable end Mrs. Morgan believes is not impossible of achievement, — given the will and persistence to follow it through.

To the older residents of Bristol, the author is too well known to need an introduction. But for the benefit of the many newcomers, a brief account of her activities may be in order.

She was born in this town, and is a graduate of Mt. Holyoke College, with an A.B. Degree. In 1910 she went with her husband to Robert College, Istanbul, Turkey, where Mr. Morgan was head of the commercial department for 15 years. Here Mrs. Morgan also taught, — Advanced Business English Correspondence, Economic Organization, and Beginning English for Turks.

After about seventeen years in the Near East, and several years in France and Belgium, she returned to her native town in 1939.

She gave many lectures in various places, on her experiences in Turkey, Greece, and Albania.

From 1943 to 1945 she did war work as a spark tester for the U. S. Rubber Company plant in this town, alternating on an eight-hour day and night shift. She won first prize at that time in one of the company's slogan contests.

For the past twenty years she has been an unremitting student of financial subjects. This activity received an extra stimulus late in 1939 when she was awarded a prize for a criticism of prize winning articles in Barron's contest on investing \$100,000 for a widow.

For two years she worked part time, selling securities for an investment house. She has contributed material to Barron's and to the Independent Woman.

Chief Marshals Recorded Back To 4th in 1834

John H. Tuplin will become the 115th Chief Marshal on record of the Bristol Fourth of July parade tomorrow, in a tradition extending back to the early 19th century.

Others who have led the parade according to available records are as follows:

- 1834 Col. Arnold H. Bush
- 1835 Col. John Gladding
- 1838 Col. Nathaniel Fales
- 1836 Col. Nathaniel Fales
- 1837 No Parade
- 1839 No Parade
- 1840 Martin Bennett Esq.
- 1841 No Parade
- 1842 No Parade
- 1843 No Parade
- 1844 W. H. S. Bayley
- 1845 David A. Coit Esq.
- 1846 John Adams, Esq.
- 1847 John Adams Esq.
- 1848 John Adams Esq.
- 1849 Col. John Gladding
- 1850 James F. D'Wolf Esq.
- 1851 James F. D'Wolf Esq.
- 1852 James F. D'Wolf Esq.
- 1853 James F. D'Wolf Esq.
- 1854 Maj. Ambrose E. Burnside
- 1855 Maj. Ambrose E. Burnside
- 1856 James H. West Esq.
- 1857 Charles Sherry Jr.
- 1858 Alexander D'W. Perry
- 1859 Capt. John Y. Lawless
- 1860 James D'W. Perry, Jr.
- 1861 Charles Sherry Jr.
- 1862 Walter C. Barclay
- 1863 Charles F. Page
- 1864 Lieut. Charles Gibson
- 1865 James DeW. Perry Esq.
- 1866 General Lewis Richmond
- 1867 Lieut. William J. Bradford
- 1868 William B. D'Wolf
- 1869 Major Raymond H. Perry
- 1870 Mark A. D'Wolf Esq.
- 1871 Col. Samuel P. Coit
- 1872 Capt. Allen G. Wright
- 1873 Isaac F. Williams
- 1874 No Parade
- 1875 Col. Samuel P. Coit
- 1876 George T. French Esq.
- 1877 Maj. Raymond H. Perry

- 1878 Col. Raymond H. Perry
- 1879 Col. Samuel P. Coit
- 1880 Col. Richard B. Franklin
- 1881 William T. C. Wardwell
- 1882 Col. Samuel P. Coit
- 1883 J. Howard Manchester
- 1884 Dr. George A. Pike
- 1885 Col. George O. Eddy
- 1886 J. Howard Manchester
- 1887 Capt. John H. Morrissey
- 1888 Isaac F. Williams
- 1889 Gilbert Wilson
- 1890 Col. Richard B. Franklin
- 1891 J. Howard Manchester
- 1892 H. Maitland Gibson
- 1893 John J. Christie
- 1894 H. Maitland Gibson
- 1895 Henry M. Thompson
- 1896 Charles F. Chase
- 1897 Charles F. Chase
- 1898 Charles B. Rockwell
- 1899 Dr. W. Fred Williams
- 1900 Dr. W. Fred Williams
- 1901 L. Maitland Minsher
- 1902 L. Maitland Minsher
- 1903 L. Maitland Minsher
- 1904 Benjamin L. Hall

- 1927 Lieut. Bertram W. Wall
- 1928 Capt. Edward L. Leahy
- 1929 T. Clyde Foster
- 1930 W. Fred Williams Jr.
- 1931 Carl W. Haffenreffer
- 1932 Dr. John H. Morrissey
- 1933 Roswell C. Coit
- 1934 Col. Samuel A. Hall
- 1935 Col. A. M. Merriman
- 1936 John W. Church
- 1937 Col. M. A. Cheesman
- 1938 George M. Cady
- 1939 Stanley E. Friswell
- 1940 Edward J. Fitzgerald
- 1941 John W. Haley
- 1942 Dr. William L. Serbst
- 1943 Stephen W. Hopkins
- 1944 J. Francis Connell
- 1945 Roswell S. Bosworth
- 1946 Canon Anthony R. Parshley
- 1947 R. Adm. Gilbert C. Hoover
- 1948 Dr. Samuel D. Clark
- 1949 Capt. Ray'd. J. Makowsky
- 1950 Harold Church Paull
- 1951 Gov. Dennis J. Roberts
- 1952 Dr. C. Paul Bruno



- 1905 Wallis E. Howe
- 1906 Peter C. R. Morris
- 1907 Charles B. Rockwell, Sr.
- 1908 George W. Warren
- 1909 Wallis E. Howe
- 1910 Wendell R. Davis
- 1911 Col. Arthur Bradford Spink
- 1912 Howard W. Church
- 1913 Capt. W. C. Metcalf, USA.
- 1914 Capt. W. C. Metcalf, USA.
- 1915 Capt. W. C. Metcalf, USA.
- 1916 Rudolph F. Haffenreffer Jr.
- 1917 Col. Andrew W. Anthony
- 1918 Col. Harold J. Gross
- 1919 Col. Andrew W. Anthony
- 1920 Col. L. H. Callan
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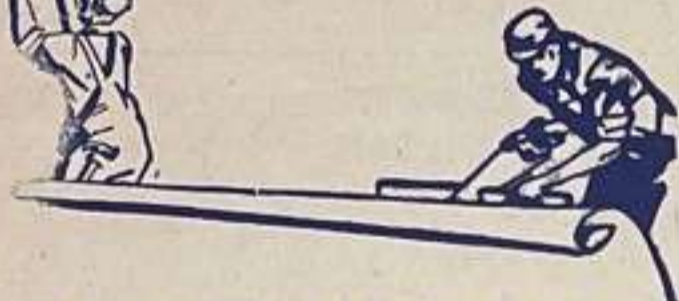
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Ye Old Editor

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"On the afternoon of the 4th, when the artillery were firing a salute, a portion of the wadding of one of the guns lodged upon the roof of the Baptist setting it on fire. A lad named Joe Morris about 12 years of age, ascended to the roof by the lightning rod and attempted to extinguish the flames with his feet. . . Finding it of no avail, he had the presence of mind to unbutton his pants and play his own stream on the flames so effectively that the fire was extinguished.

"The large crowd that were present greeted the lad with loud huzzahs. . .
"A builder of fire engines from Pawtucket who was present remarked that he had built a number of machines which had done good service, but he would knock under to the engine of young Morris."

Circus

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Guisti's Spa, Van Voast's Variety, J. F. Duffy, Alger's Newsstand, Pozzi's Pharmacy, Bristol Auto Body Co., and A. S. Thomas Dept. Store.

A larger percentage of the profits would be received on advance sale tickets than would be received from tickets sold on the day of the performance. Therefore, the Committee is making an urgent appeal to all those interested in seeing this show to purchase their tickets from the above named stores or any member of the Bristol Lions Club.

Town Council

(Continued from page 3)

The new Town Solicitor, Dr. Raymond A. Thomas, told the council of an apparent violation of the zoning ordinance, in erection by the Coca-Cola company of a sign on the town bridge, Bristol Neck.

Dr. Thomas told the council neither the building inspector nor the council had been consulted by the firm.
Building Inspector George Hibbert told the council the company had put the sign up in the guise of a Little League scoreboard, and had received the permission of League President Roger W. Pigeon, Dr. Anthony J. Ramos of the recreation board, and Herbert Geisler who operates Newport Creamery nearby.

Town Clerk John W. Church declared it was not actually a scoreboard, and the council agreed the sign was unauthorized and should be removed. Hibbert assured the council he will act in his capacity as enforcing officer to have the sign removed.

\$100 Day Penalty
"If they refuse, the town solicitor steps in," Hibbert said. He added that a penalty of \$100 a day was authorized for failure to comply with the removal order.

Council President Joseph F. Bruno told the council last night he would call a public meeting on revaluation, inviting representatives of revaluation firms to be present. The taxpayers would have an opportunity at the meeting to question the representatives on what revaluation would mean to them and the methods proposed in making the tax study.

Bruno said the meeting would be called as soon as the new town solicitor had familiarized himself with the details of the resolution adopted at town meeting appropriating \$25,000 for the program.

Bulldozer Demonstration
Bids for a new bulldozer were received by the council last night, but action on them will be stayed until after the two bidding firms stage a demonstration for councilmen July 11 at 2 p. m. at the town dump.

The bidders, who agreed to make the demonstration with used machines of the same make and model as the new ones they offer for sale, were the J. S. Main Equipment Co., E. Providence, a net bid of \$6985 on an Oliver machine; and Morrissey Bros. Tractor Co., Burlington, Mass., a net bid of \$7275 on an Allis-Chalmers machine. Both allowed \$1500 trade-in allowance on the town's 1947 International bulldozer.

Amputee Vets and Meters
The town solicitor reported to the council last night that a local amputee veteran had had some difficulty when tagged for parking meter violations. Dr. Thomas read the state law relative to amputees, which exempted them from payment for meter

STATE OF RHODE ISLAND PROBATE COURT OF THE TOWN OF BRISTOL
NOTICE OF MATTERS PENDING AND FOR HEARING IN SAID COURT
The Court will be in session at the Probate Court Room on the dates specified in motions below at 10 o'clock A. M. for hearing on said matters.

FERRI, CATHERINE, estate — Granting of letters of administration; for hearing July 20, 1953.
7-3-10-17.

CLARKE, OSKYTEL H., estate — Guardian's Twenty-ninth Account; for hearing July 6, 1953.
6-19-26, 7-3.

TOBIN, THOMAS J., estate — Grace R. Tobin has qualified as Executrix; creditors must file their claims in the office of the Probate Clerk within the times prescribed by law, beginning June 19, 1953.
6-19-26, 7-3.

CARVARA, LAURA M., estate — Appointment of Guardian; for hearing July 6, 1953.
6-19-26, 7-3.

LISCOMB, CHARLES H., estate — Hope E. Mowry of East Long Meadow, Mass., and Raymond A. Thomas have qualified as co-executors, and said Hope E. Mowry has appointed said Raymond A. Thomas of Bristol, R. I. as her Agent in Rhode Island; creditors must file their claims in the office of the Probate Clerk within the times required by law, beginning June 12, 1953.
6-12-19-26.

GOGLIA, CONCETTA L., estate — Amalia Goglia has qualified as Guardian; creditors must file their claims in the office of the Probate Clerk within the times required by law, beginning June 26, 1953.
6-26, 7-3-10.

GOGLIA, LOUIS G., estate — Amalia Goglia has qualified as Guardian; creditors must file their claims in the office of the Probate Clerk within the times required by law, beginning June 26, 1953.
6-26, 7-3-10.

RAE, ARTHUR H., estate — Ingrid Rae has qualified as Executrix; creditors must file their claims in the office of the Probate Clerk within the times required by law, beginning June 26, 1953.
6-26, 7-3-10.

JOHN W. CHURCH, Clerk



NEW PRESIDENT of Bristol Rotary Club, Dr. D. V. A. Capone, left, took the gavel from outgoing President Arthur H. Eastman Wednesday at the White Rail.

Dr. Capone Becomes New Rotary President

Dr. D. V. A. Capone succeeded Arthur H. Eastman as president of the Rotary Club Wednesday noon when he took over the gavel at the beginning of the club's 25th year.

James M. Husband is the club's new vice president and the other officers are Howard R. Newman, secretary, and J. Foster Price, treasurer.

Frank Coward, past president of the Bristol (England) Club was a guest at the meeting and presented the local Rotarians with a banner from Bristol, England. The Rev. Frank Crook of Pawtucket who has recently returned from a trip to England was also

a guest. He reported that in a visit to the Bristol (England) Club he had presented it with a banner from the Bristol, R. I. Club.

Vincent Fasano, local builder, was received as a new member of the club and former president, Frank J. Sylvia, was welcomed back into membership.

President Capone's first act in his new capacity was to present Mr. Eastman with a past president's pin.

There were reports by officers and committee chairmen and a letter from Miss Jessie Molasky, librarian at Guiteras Memorial School was read thanking the club for a subscription to The Rotarian which she said the pupils enjoy very much.

Police Chief Anthony J. Ferrara was named chairman of the club's annual bake committee.

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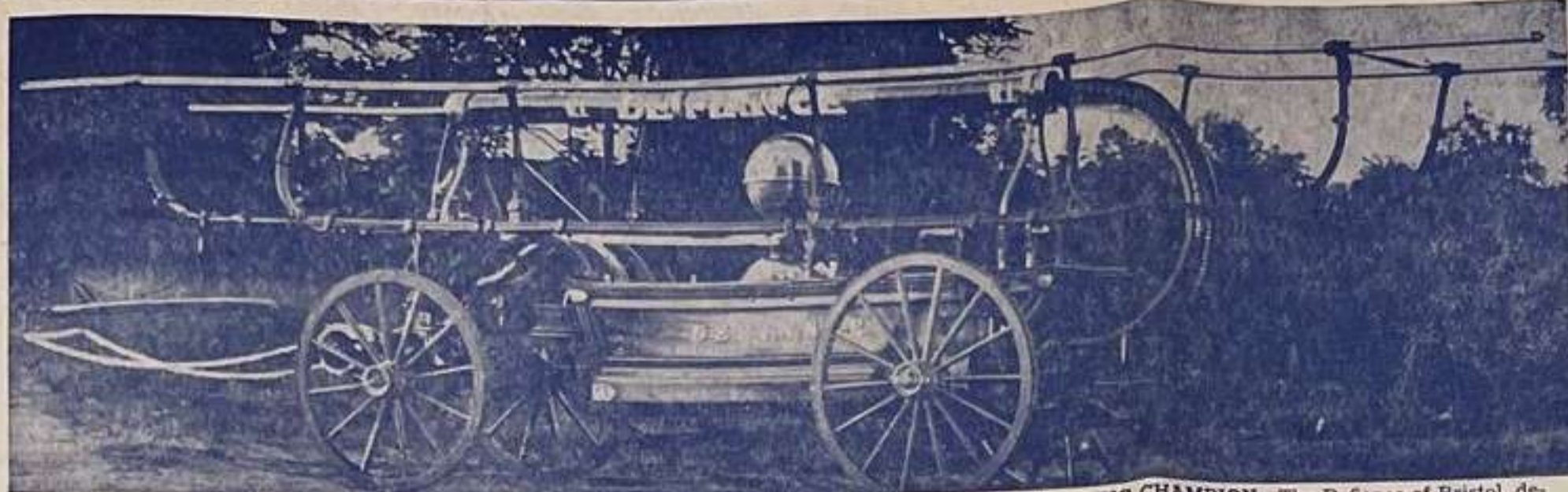
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To really understand the interest in musters that has prevailed over the past half century, one must review some of the statistics of the sport. Each year one muster, for which complete, detailed, official records are kept, is designated as the "official" muster. The playout at the common tomorrow is the fifty-seventh such official muster.

The biggest muster years, as far as the number of musters in which League members participated is concerned, are 1901 and 1921 with 31 musters each from April to October.

First Muster—1849
It is now over 100 years since the first hand engine muster in the United States was held, namely that at Bath, Me., on July 4, 1849, with five entries. In those days they measured perpendicular plays.

The best recorded play of a horizontal stream was that at Detroit, Michigan, made by the "Mayflower" on July 9, 1860, a distance of 276 ft. 11 in. by a 10-inch cylinder, Smith engine.

There were two greater plays, however, which it would be unfair to count in what has gone down in history as the "gale muster" at Weymouth, Mass., on September 17, 1903, not an official muster. The DEFENDER of

Weymouth made a distance of 285 ft. 6 in. The NONANTUM of Newton, a play of 277 ft. 7 1/2 in.

The best accepted play of a New England League engine is 263 ft. 8 1/2 in., made by the HANCOCK of Brockton, a 10-inch Cowing machine, on April 19, 1910, at Brockton, Mass.

League Organized in 1890
Nineteen associations met on November 20, 1890, to form the New England League. Three of the charter member organizations are still on the League roster, the BARNICATS of Boston; the PROVIDENCE VFA; and PROTECTOR 3, INC., of Brockton.

There are six additional leagues in New England, as follows: Rhode Island League, organized November 15, 1898; Connecticut Valley League, organized February 10, 1903; New Hampshire League, organized July 23, 1903; Maine State Hand Engine League, organized October 13, 1908; the Pawtucket, R. I., League, organized in January, 1915, and the Wachusett Valley Hand Engine League, organized March 7, 1915.

Largest Musters
The League has conducted some very large musters. The largest of these was that at Lowell in 1908 with 63 entries. Other outstandingly well-attended musters were the Salem muster in 1903 with 55 entries; the Lynn muster in 1901 with 46 entries; the Providence muster in 1906 with 46 engines; the Lowell muster in 1902 with 45 entries; the Lawrence muster in 1909 with 41 tubs entered; and the 1935 muster at Portland, Maine, with 37 entries.

The largest prize — for a two-engine contest — amounting to \$1,000, winner take all, between the E. P. WALKER of Vinal Haven, Maine, and the EUREKA of Hudson, Mass., was won by the EUREKA, now of Portsmouth, with a play of 229 ft. 1 1/2 in. against a play of 228 ft. 3 in. The contest was staged, by mutual consent, at Portland, Maine, on October 12, 1875.

The largest prize list ever posted was a total of \$2,575 offered at Portland, Maine, in 1935. Other largely attended musters of the pre-League days were that at Worcester on September 4, 1857, with 59 entries, won by the TORRENT of Manchester, N. H., with a play of 180 ft.; that at Worcester on September 8, 1858, with 48 entries, won by the EDWARD HOPKINS of Woodville with a play of 180 ft., and a muster held at Manchester, N. H., on September 15, 1859, with 52 entries, won by the ALERT of Winchendon with a play of 170 ft.

Oldest Engine Built in 1828
The oldest active engine is the HANCOCK 1 of Ashburnham, Mass., built by Hunneman and Co. of Roxbury in 1828, a 6-inch cylinder machine. Its best distance in competition is 207 ft. 1 in., achieved at the 1940 Winchendon muster. The best play of a 6-inch Hunneman hand engine is that of 257 ft. 11 1/4 in. at the Portsmouth muster of September 19, 1925, an unofficial muster. The best play of a 7-inch Hunneman machine was made by the CITY OF LOWELL on August 20, 1908, at Nashua, N. H. At the Winchendon muster, above referred to, the winner was another Hunne-

man 6-inch machine, the TRIUMPH of Berwick, with a distance of 236 ft. 1 1/2 in. Suction engines first arrived in 1822.

The last hand engine in Boston was taken out of commission on September 17, 1860. The first steam engine was introduced in Boston five years previously on January 24, 1855. The last of the steam fire engines was discontinued in 1923, a span of 68 years.

The first hose wagon in Boston went into use in 1871; the first fireboat in 1873; the first fire alarm signal system in 1882. Boston's first use of motorized equipment dates from 1910.

Handtubs have been built for muster purposes but the use of "new" handtubs has been outlawed by League rules since 1896. Hence any tub now in use is at least 50 years old.

As far as official New England States Veteran Firemen's League musters are concerned, Everett, and Lowell are the best muster cities, over a period of fifty years, each having put up the necessary prize money and paid the incidental expenses on four official muster occasions.

The DEFIANCER of Bristol is the defending champion. It is a twelve-inch Button, and is on loan from the Westerly veteran firemen. This tub takes the largest crew of any engine in the muster.

The PROTECTION No. 1 of Newbury, Mass., is a Jeffers machine. The colorful PROTECTION life and drum corps and a crew from Newbury will be a feature in the parade.

The PASSACONAWAY of Seabrook, N. H., was built in 1853 by Button. The crew deserves congratulations for its long trip.

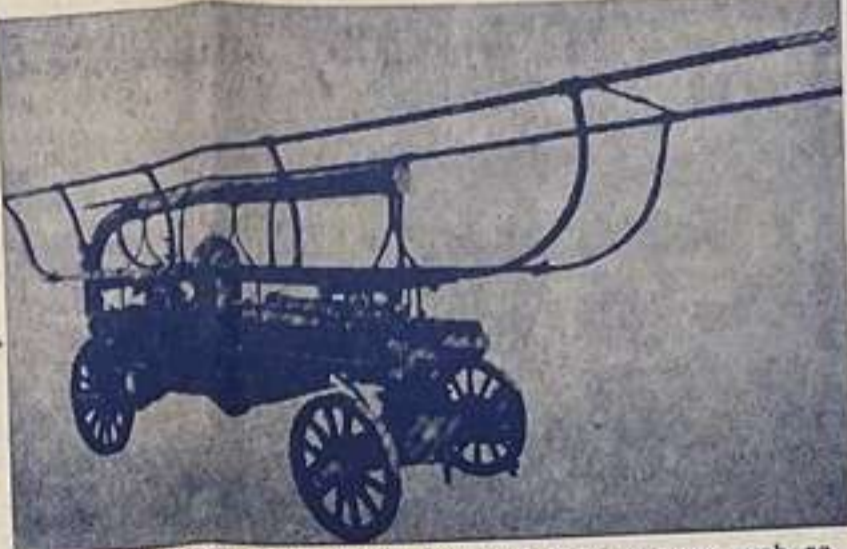
The HANCOCK No. 1 of Ashburnham, Mass., is the oldest active tub, having been built by Hunneman in 1828. It sports a good record and is worth seeing.

The OKOMMAKAMESIT of Marblehead, Mass., popularly known as the OKO, is a ten-inch Button machine built in 1861.

The GERRY No. 5 is a five and seven-eighths inch Hunneman hailing from Marblehead, Mass.

DEFENDING CHAMPION—The Defiance of Bristol, defending champion of the New England States Veteran Firemen's League after winning last year's muster, will meet all comers tomorrow in the championship muster on the common.

(Photo by Frank Brown Jr.)



TYPICAL TUB—Photo shows a typical hand pumper such as will be in the competition tomorrow.

(Home Insurance Co. Photo)

The GERRY crew is officially known as the Market Square Associates.

DELUGE No. 1, of Berwick, Maine, was built in 1848 by Hunneman. It is a six-inch machine.



The VOLUNTEER of East Greenwich, R. I., has a great record spanning more than half a century. Its uniformed crew will be on the platform. The VOLUNTEER was built by Button in 1854.

The ALABAMA COON is a ten-inch Cowing machine, manned by a good crew from Ipswich, Mass.

The NEPTUNE of Newburyport, Mass., is a ten-inch Button. It was bought by Newburyport in 1878 for active service and has taken part in more than 150 musters. The NEPTUNE band will accompany the tub.

The TORRENT, a five and seven-eighths inch Hunneman, is from Bath, Maine. It holds the



THE HYDRAULION—Bristol's first hand engine, built in 1836, here today.



The WINNISIMMET No. 2, a six-inch Hunneman, is from Chelsea, Mass. This is a stout engine with a good crew. It should make a good showing.

The EUREKA is a ten-inch Hunneman from Portsmouth, N. H. The Franklin Pierce Veteran Firemen's Association, 35 uniformed members strong, will man the tub.

The GOVERNOR BRADSTREET of North Andover, Mass. is a Button and Blake engine, built in 1861. It is entered in the first class.

Parade Lineup

- (Continued from Page 3)
- Gold Star Mothers
 - Sons of Union Veterans
 - 10th Division
 - George R. Fish, Marshal
 - The Kingsmen Bugle & Drum Corps
 - Boy Scouts
 - 11th Division
 - Mrs. John Borges, Marshal
 - Mrs. Jesse Rebello
 - Co-Marshal
 - Lions Club Float
 - Jamestown Girls Drum & Bugle Corps
 - Bristol Girl Scouts
 - 12th Division
 - Roger W. Pigeon, Marshal
 - Senior High School Band
 - Bristol Little League
 - Little Bigger League
 - Sport Cars
 - Welcome Wagon

'Miss 4th of July'

(Cont. from Page 5)

also to be considered by the judges, according to Dr. D. V. A. Capone, contest chairman.

At 9:15 a.m. on the morning of the 4th, the contestants will assemble at the bandstand on the Common, and the winning envelope containing the night before will be turned over to Council President Joseph F. Bruno.

He will read the winning number, the queen will step forward, and Bruno will place the crown (donated by Samuel Kinder and Bro.) on her head, present to her the Sen. Theodore Francis Green Trophy, and also a purse as winner of the contest. Dr. Capone said.

Watches, Jewelry
The other six girls will not be disappointed, however. Bruno will present them each with wrist corsages (donated by DeFelice Florists), rhinestone-studded wrist watches (donated by M. Capone, jeweler, and the July 4th committee), matching rhinestone earrings and necklaces.

The new queen will later mount a float in the first division sponsored by Collins and Aikman Corporation, and take her place on a throne. A royal purple tapestry will form the backdrop and the six runners-up in the contest will be grouped about her feet as ladies-in-waiting.

This will mark the fifth year Dr. Capone has staged the contest, always a highlight of the celebration. He originated the idea with the 1948 celebration, and has

been contest chairman each year since then with the exception of last year when it was omitted.

The seven contestants, who made their public bow last Sunday on the Jaycee television program in Providence, are as follows:

Lucy Cavallaro, 18, daughter of Mrs. Angelina Cavallaro of 4 Seigal Street. She attended Bristol Senior High School, and is employed at Crown Fastener Corp., Warren.

Mary Santos, 17, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Manuel Santos of 18 Third Street, who attended the Senior High School and now works at Bristol Manufacturing Corp.

Frances Marshall, 16-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Marshall of 7 Third Street, who will be a senior next fall at Bristol Senior High School.

Bobby McRee, 18, daughter of Mrs. Mabel McRee of 20 State Street. Bobby attended the Senior High School and is employed at Bristol Manufacturing Corp.

Mary Lou Malefronte, 19, granddaughter of Mrs. Mary Malefronte of 35 Catherine Street, a 1951 Senior High graduate, now employed in the office of the U. S. Rubber Co.

Patricia Sinclair, 19-year-old daughter of the Rev. and Mrs. John N. Sinclair of 1059 Hope Street. Patricia won her diploma from the Senior High School last year, and works for the Industrial Trust Co.

Marilyn Smith, 18-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lowell I. Smith of 3 Woodlawn Avenue, who also graduated from the Senior High School last year,

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THE 4th OF JULY IN BRISTOL, R. I.

Tars First Visit -- 1876 Sloop Juniata Began Navy Visitation

The Navy destroyers which grace Bristol harbor for this 1953 Fourth of July celebration are upholding a 77-year tradition begun on the Centennial of American Independence in 1876, when the graceful U. S. sloop of war Juniata came to Bristol.

The one hundredth anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence saw a brilliant celebration in Bristol. Upon request of the committee, townspeople had participated in a grand illumination the night before, with homes, shops, and public buildings ablaze with Japanese lanterns.

The Rev. James D'Wolf Perry of Germantown, Pa., gave the oration of the day, but the crowning event was the arrival of the first Navy ship.

From the Phoenix: "During the morning, the United States sloop of war Juniata, Captain S. Dana Greene, (commanding), arrived in our harbor from Bermuda... being finely decorated with flags, signals and streamers, attracting much attention by its beautiful appearance and adding much to the pleasure of the day."

Although there are gaps in the tradition of Navy appearances in Bristol for the Fourth, almost every type of ship, from submarine to battleship, has tied up in the harbor over the years.

In 1910 the cruiser Tacoma came for Colonel Samuel P. Colt's Linden Place centennial, saluting the Fourth with booming guns in the harbor, sending 125 men to

sink the vessel. Navy divers plugged the hole with temporary repairs, and the Louisiana came on to Bristol for the celebration.

There is no record that a ship visited in 1914, but in 1915 the battleship U.S.S. Michigan anchored in the harbor and sent its crew to parade. The Fourth committee entertained the commander, Captain Niblack; the officers; and various civil dignitaries including Governor and Mrs. Beekman, at a clambake at Prospect Farm.

Another battleship, the U.S.S. Kansas, was in Bristol for the Fourth with a crew of eight hundred and fifty-six men in 1916.

The Phoenix reported in 1919 that "two government seaplanes performed in the air." The following year six destroyers tied up along the waterfront and sent crew members to march in the parade.

The 1923 celebration was an exciting Fourth for Bristol children. In addition to the destroyer U.S.S. Williamson, the first submarines to appear for a celebration tied up off Church Street wharf. They were Submarines 48 and 49, and young and old were thrilled to visit them. Chief Marshal Charles B. Rockwell, Jr., entertained ten of the officers at a dinner party the night before, and Colonel

march in the parade, and engaging local Naval reserves in a cutter race.

The years 1912 and 1913 saw a near catastrophe befall the mighty battleship Louisiana on her way to Bristol for the celebration.

As she steamed slowly past the south end of Hog Island on July 1, 1912, on her way to Bristol, the battlewagon stuck her prow into a sandbank and hung there the rest of the day.

Postmaster Prest and the Phoenix editor were invited aboard while the ship was stuck, waiting



for high tide to float free, and the editor told of the crew's reaction thus:

Work Instead of Leave

"Some dissatisfied expressions were heard among the crew. Some of them had looked for shore leave and instead were working hard at the ammunition hoists taking up from below hundreds of huge projectiles and lowering them into a scow alongside, in order to lighten the ship. The shells were of six, eight and twelve-inch size, and the eight-inch projectiles weigh two hundred and fifty pounds each."

The ship floated free that afternoon and came on to anchor off Bristol Ferry lighthouse.

The very next year the Louisiana, again assigned to Bristol for the Fourth, suffered an explosion just as she left Newport which blew off a valve bonnet below the water line and threatened to

U.S.S. Juniata off Poppasquash—1876



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