Pelham 1946

Observe Town Anniversary;
Appoints St. Patrick's Pastor
(Special to The Sun)

PELHAM, N. H., Sept. 3—The observance of the 200th anniversary of Pelham as an incorporated town was proclaimed by everyone participating to be a huge success. The attendance at its highest point was approximately 1500. In the morning a general gathering of old friends took place. At noon an anniversary turkey dinner was served to 450 people. The afternoon program follows:

Selection, Abbot Worsted company band; invocation and prayer, Rev. Thomas Roden, pastor of Congregational church; address of welcome, Charles W. Hobbs, selectman of town of Pelham, 22 years; solo, William Elliot, popular singer of Hampton, N. H.; address, Rev. Fr. P. J. Kennelly, pastor of St. Patrick's church; solo, Mr. Elliot; address, Hon. Chester E. Morrow, congressman from 1st New Hampshire district; solo, Mr. Elliot; address, Mrs. Elizabeth Hill Hay, RN, recently returned from overseas duty; solo, Mr. Elliot; benediction, Rev. Roden; band selections.

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A wonderful collection of antiques, relics and heirlooms was exhibited at the public library throughout the day under the direction of Mrs. Zena Woodbury Currier. These articles were contributed by Pelham people for the occasion.

The selling of a Souvenir book featured the day. 550 were disposed of leaving very few which are now in the hands of the committee.

The Pelham troop of Boy Scouts conducted a refreshment stand disposing of hot dogs, sandwiches, tonic and coffee. This was liberally patronized.
Francis Ducharme and daughter Marie, have returned to their home in Hollywood, Calif., after a two week visit with relatives and friends in this and adjoining towns. He left this town 22 years ago and has since that time been in the employ of the American Telephone and Telegraph company of California. While here, Mr. Ducharme was entertained by all his brothers and sisters at their respective homes. At one gathering there were 52 immediate relatives present.

Miss Barbara O. Auger became the bride of Manning Balcom of this town last Sunday afternoon at her home in Malden. Rev. John Ross of the First Baptist church of Malden performed the ceremony assisted by Rev. Thomas C. Roden of Pelham Congregational church. Miss Diana Auger, sister of the bride, and Arnold Balcom, brother of the bridegroom, were the attendants. Ewart Balcom, brother of the bridegroom was ring bearer. The couple left immediately after the ceremony for Boulder, Colo., where they will reside while Mr. Balcom attends the University of Colorado.