Hundreds Attend “Old Home Day” At Pelham Congregational Church

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PELHAM, Aug. 10 — Pelham Center was the scene of much activity yesterday when over a thousand townspeople and their friends from near and far attended the 41st annual Old Home Day celebration sponsored by the First Congregational Church.

From 10 o’clock in the morning until midnight, hundreds of townspeople milled about the grounds, meeting and reminiscing with old friends.

The various booths were well patronized from beginning to end. Committees which were in charge of the fall fair included: Grapes, Mrs. Mable Richardson and Miss Grace Cresswell; children’s table, home cooked food, Mrs. Nettie Spaulding, Mrs. Charlotte Hill, Mrs. Alva Spaulding; post office, Mrs. Mabel Burton, Mrs. Lilian Wood, Mrs. Mary Kingsbury; fancy work, Mrs. Cora Butler, Miss Hala Jones; vegetables, Sidney Richardson, Lois Moses, Fred Hough.

Candy, Dorothy Lapine, Susan Foss, Patricia Hirsch, Phyllis Wilkens; jokes, Herbert and Martha Currier, Lois Johnson, Robert and Harry Page, Patricia and Paul Nickeron; flowers, Miss Mary Hobbs, Miss Alice Clement, Miss Frances Hobbs; household, Mrs. Louise Hayes, Mrs. Bertha Jacobsen; miscellaneous, Mrs. Helen Raymond, Mrs. Alice Raymond, Mrs. Marion Raymond.

White elephant table, Mrs. Ann Morris, Mrs. Emily Galucio, Mrs. Rose Horton; sponges, Miss Kathleen Atwood, Mrs. Florence Puls, Miss Helen Morris, Mrs. Genoa Hill, Mrs. Lilian Edwards.

The main attraction for the children was the pony ride, which was in charge of Mr. and Mrs. Franklin Garland assisted by William and Richard Hayes, Kenny and Bobby Drury, Dennis Burton and George Garland.

The game section was supervised by Frank Melanson, Nellie Lawrence, Daniel Atwood, Dick Melanson and Herbert Atwood.

Dinner Served

At noon, a delicious baked ham dinner was served to over 150 people in the church dining room. Mrs. Mary Jackson, in charge, was assisted by Miss Florence March, Mrs. Alma Stiles, Mrs. Catherine Hanson, Mrs. Avis Felton, Miss Susan Foss, Mrs. Elizabeth Simpson, Miss Frances Hobbs, Mrs. Ela Koshier and Miss Florence O’Keefe.

A doll carriage parade with many beautifully decorated entries was an afternoon feature. Prizes were awarded to Joan Sundberg, who was dressed as a Greek dancer; Leslie Gould, who was a beautiful white and yellow costume and pushed a carriage decorated as a swan boat; Sharon Gould and Eddie Jaspeka, who were in a miniature station wagon dressed as a bride and groom; Charles Hobbs III, who was dressed as a farmer and drove a miniature tractor and trailer.

All other entrants were awarded ice cream: Martha Dewitt, Leslie Atwood, Janet Sundberg, Debbie Jewett, Beverly Hayes, Fairia Edwards, Carol Ann Lapine, Carol and Janet Harrison, John Richardson, Ernest Richardson and Frederick Schlap.

Judges were Miss Elizabeth

CELEBRATION AT FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH—Pictured above are guests who appeared on a radio program at “old home day” celebration sponsored by the First Congregational church in Pelham. Seated, left to right, Joanne Henderson, Patricia Edwards, Mary Lee King; standing, Fred Gendron, Paul Keefe, Mrs. Ethel M. Hayes, Mrs. Emile Hopkins, Sidney Richardson, Mrs. George M. Hawley, Mrs. Franklin Powell, (baby) Robert S. Powell and George F. Wood.

Ernest Brown of Campusa pond and Mrs. Frank Bryant of Danbury, Mrs. Neal Balsam and Mrs. Ellyn Jewett were in charge.

At 2:30 o’clock a wire recording was made of Old Home Day activities and at 6:00 o’clock this was broadcast. Participants were Rev. Albert Sindberg, chairman; Mrs. Frances Carlsson, Patrick Edwards, sunspot; town clerk, George F. Wood, oldest citizen of Pelham; Robert Samuel Powell, youngest citizen present 4 weeks, 2 days old; Mrs. Frank Hopkins of Long Beach, California, who traveled the furthest.

Oldest married couple present (92 yrs.), Mr. and Mrs. George Holy of Windham. Other couples mentioned were Mr. and Mrs. Fred Guesley, 74 years; Mr. and Mrs. Avis Slade, 80 yrs.; Mr. and Mrs. William Burns, 90 yrs.

Scout Program

Mrs. Ethel Hayes sang “Indian Love Call” following which a group of Girl Scouts and Boy Scouts was interviewed by the announcer. Patricia Edwards ended the broadcast by singing “Candy and Cake.” The after program was in charge of Mrs. Mary Sherburne.

The busiest spot proved to be the food tent which was in charge of Mr. Ruth Richardson and Miss Margaret Garland. Assisting were Albert Nickerson, Shirley Atwood, Velma House, Larry Conboy, Lillian Drury, Ethel Hayes, Raymond Edwards, Elise Atwood, Patricia Hirsch, Thomas Roden, Randall Richardson, Carol and Patricia Nickerson, Jean House, Nelson Drury, Hazel Spaulding, Christal Gould, Frederick House and Rev. Albert Sundberg.

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