PELHAM, N. H.

Showers Fail to Dampen Interest in Washington Bicentennial Pageant.

Pelham, N. H., Aug. 10.

Townsmen and friends from neighboring towns for miles around took advantage of the fair weather this morning and joined in celebrating the George Washington bicentennial at Pelham Centre, held for the benefit of Pelham Congregational Church. More than 500 attended during the afternoon and evening. The affair was one of outstanding success despite intermittent rain.

A bountiful dinner was served a noon in the town hall. The committee in charge was Mrs. Josie Richardson, Mr. and Mrs. Carl E. Moulton, Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Raymond. Mrs. Sadie Bennett, Fred A. Burden, and Miss Mabel Burton. The historical pageant was introduced in the third episode by a heavy shower which dampened the enthusiasm which had prevailed. However, the pageant was completed later after other numbers of the program were presented. An outline of the pageant follows:


Third Episode: 1—The Declaration of Independence. 2—Spirit of '76. 3—Washington Takes Command at Cambridge. 4—Pelham Soldiers Depart for Bennington under Capt. Wilson. 5—Winter at Valley Forge. 6—Welcome to foreign aid.

Fourth Episode—A Country Gentleman Becomes President. 1—Domestic Life at Mt. Vernon. 2—Inauguration of the Nation Builder.

Epilogue—There were 85 people in this pageant, coached by Rev. C. E. Adams.

Several of the younger members attempted to climb a greased pole with little success until Warren Kennedy somehow overcame all difficulties and reached the goal at the top of the pole removed the flag and then replaced it.

A doll carriage parade was taken part in by several little girls, Miss Claire Morris and Miss Barbara Atwood winning the awards. The parade was disappointing in the number of entries. The judges were Cummings G. Titcomb, Robert J. McCormick and David Leland. "The Hot Air Taxi" an "Amos and Andy" feature represented by Ed DuSault and John Boyer with Elsworth Alden as "Kingsley" and William MacArdle as "Madame Queen" all of Salem, N. H. The Girl Scouts Bugle and Drum corps and Garland's float also drew awards.

Rain interfered again, however, the interlude afforded an opportunity for so the "big tent" was patronized to capacity. Mrs. Stella Carleton and Mrs. Luella Mansfield were in charge of lunch.

An array of sales booths grace the parsonage lawn and all seemed to thrive and prosper. The school district's booth each in its own choice and design. "Hog's Corner" was there, signified by a mammoth sign which displayed a magnificent pork with all embellishments. This booth was replete with vegetables and fruits raised and contributed locally including live chickens and a young pig named Miss Hiram. And there was sweet cider also. This booth was in charge of Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Kochler, Miss Alice A. Carleton, George J. Carleton, Arthur H. Peabody, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Lyon and Mrs. Joseph Doolittle.

The Gumpus Gardens was enchanting in lattice work and was presided over by Mrs. Frank E. Marsh, Miss Florence E. Marsh, Miss Hettie Jones, Mrs. Maurice Butterfield and Mrs. Samuel Bigelow and contained many prize donations. The masoned was a big red rooster.

Gage hill prepared a miscellaneous booth. This was in charge of Mrs. Otis E. Titcomb, Mrs. Forest E. Kelley, Mrs. Charles D. Fosha, Mrs. R. J. McCormick, Mrs. A. W. Marsh and Mrs. Arthur Smith.

North Pelham sponsored a popcorn stand under the direction of Mrs. Mabel Burton. A committee with Mrs. F. M. Woodbury as chairman, including Mrs. Sherman Hobbs, Miss Mary E. Holmes, Mrs. Clara Spear, Mrs. Daniel Carleton, Mrs. Gerda Duren, and Mrs. F. A. Grecie, arranged and presented a display of antiques at the Public Library that proved to be interesting. Tea and fruit cakes were served by the custodians who were attired in costumes of revolutionary times. This was the Pelham Centre district feature.

The tonic stand on the lawn was under the charge of Frank E. Marsh, Frank M. Carleton, Daniel G. Carleton, Albert H. Jones and Mrs. Pearl Gage. Mrs. Ruby Hobbs presided at the candy booth and "grabs" were featured by Miss Helen Morris, who was assisted by Miss Edna Livingston. A cherry tree was laden with fruit. Cook books were in the charge of Mrs. George F. Wood, Mrs. Amos Wood, Mrs. Martha Hubley and Mrs. Samuel Richardson who had prepared them with great care from favorite recipes of townswomen. Miss Annie Wilkinson and Miss Florence Marsh were active in mimeographing the book.

The flower booth was arranged by Mrs. E. Hyde Richardson, assisted by Mrs. Luella Dutton, Mrs. Edna Pease, Mrs. Charles Lombard and Mrs. Larabide. Aprons were sold by Miss Edith N. Spear, Mrs. Annie Lewis, Miss Caroline Smith, Mrs. Gertrude Currier and Mrs. Arthur Butler.

Mrs. Ernst Richardson, assisted by Mrs. Helen Lary, disposed of toy balloons, and the ice cream booth was conducted by Mr. and Mrs. Shirley Vining, Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin

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