DENNIS' SUPER SPECTACULAR BIRTHDAY PARTY

What a weekend! From early Friday afternoon to late Sunday evening you could feel the excitement in our town. There were flurries of activity all over Dennis and even in Harwich (we ran out of garage space in Dennis to accommodate all the floats being built)—as people pressed uniforms, put the finishing touches on yards along the parade route, put the floats together, or did the hundreds of other things that all combined in making such a wonderful weekend. Jane Stevens and her Parade Committee did a great job of working out all the details of the parade and it went off as if they'd been doing it for years.

Chief-of-Staff Walter Von Hone—ably assisted by good neighbor Sheldon Thayer of Harwich—assembled the parade with military precision, and as Walter had promised, the parade stepped off promptly at 1:00 P.M. Town Crier Ben Thacher preceded the parade to the Reviewing Stand at Town Office to read the Proclamation issued by The Great and General Court of Massachusetts in honor of our 200 years of incorporation. He remained there to announce the parade entries as they passed by. Our very own Joshua Crowell led the parade as Grand Marshal in a 1947 dark blue Cadillac convertible donated by Hyannis Restoration and driven by his son, Joshua Lovell. There were marching bands, color guards, flags, and Scottish pipes enough to thrill any and every one, enough Shriners to form a straight line from Dennis Port to Dennis Village (that may be a slight exaggeration, but it seemed like that many!) and numerous floats that delighted the senses with their beauty and imagination. Plus the magnificent 8 hitch team of Hallamore horses, antique cars, trick bicyclists, Girl and Boy Scouts, local service clubs, numerous other entries, and trucks that spanned the years from Ed Crowell's recently restored 1913 Autocar to the newest shinest rigs on the road today.

The parade judges were the Selectmen from our parent town, Yarmouth. There were so many great entries it must have been a difficult decision to narrow it down to a winner. The Ezra H. Baker School students won the Grand Marshal's Trophy for their "Schools 1793 to 1993" float, the Parade Committee Trophy went to the Dennis Town Employees float which featured a huge birthday cake and employees dressed in costumes that spanned the years, the West Dennis Garden Club was awarded the Popular Choice Trophy for their beautiful float depicting a 1793 garden, 15 Nathaniel H. Nixon Middle School 5th grade students, calling themselves "The Smart Cookies" took home the Best Youth Trophy. Stop the Outfall Pipe organizers won the Best Use of Theme Trophy for their interpretation of "things we get from the Bay", and the Judges Trophy went to Peter McDowell Associates who had built a replica of the 1736 Rev. Josiah Dennis Manse. The Best Rig trophies went, in order, to Robert Childs, Edward A. Crowell, and David Stochetti.

Many people along the parade route were families enjoying an old fashioned get-together with picnic, barbecues, and even a wedding! Our Department of Public Works had Dennis spruced up and looking fine for our celebration, and our Police and Fire Departments put the floats together, or did the hundreds of other things that all combined in making such a wonderful weekend. Jane Stevens and her Parade Committee did a great job of working out all the details of the parade and it went off as if they'd been doing it for years.

Our participation in Cape Heritage Week went extremely well. The Josiah Dennis Manse and Jericho House and Barn Museum programs were very well attended, and our visitors seemed very interested in what we had to offer. Both historic houses look forward to an exciting summer as we celebrate this special year. Come and see us!
July 22 4:00 P.M. Board meets with Gertrude.
July 31 4 P.M. on Bicentennial Family Picnic at Johnny Kelley Recreation Area. Bring a picnic and enjoy an Old Fashioned Get-Together. Games, decorated doll carriage and bicycle contest, more. Watch local paper for more details.
Aug. 27 7:30 P.M. Illustrated talk by William Quinn, "Salt Works of Historical Cape Cod" at Jacob Sears Memorial Library, East Dennis. Refreshments will be served.

FROM THE PRESIDENT:
I want to thank all the people who helped put the D.H.S. float together and make it a success. First Mr. Ed Crowell for the loan of the flat bed, tractor and driver, Mr. Ed Kossack of Hart Farm for the loan of the bushes and tree, Mr. Stephen Burke of Acorn Landscaping for the donation of the sod. A big thank you to John Burton and Brendan Joyce for help fabricating and erecting the school house, Rachel Carey-Harper and Gail Hart for painting the shingles, stones and vegetation, Maureen Joyce, Jim Carr, Fred Eble, Peter O'Brien and Patrick Johnson for help in putting it all together, Karen Howes for lettering the D.H.S. sign and Nancy Howes for making the stove, sewing and a lot of support. Our thanks also to the people who rode on the float: Mr. William Clark, school master, and daughter Allison, Michelle Loehr and son Nicholas, Gail Hart and daughter Lucia Hart-Miller, Maggie Clarcia, Nathaniel and Bethany Stone, Greer Silverstein, Vanessa and Oliver Peabody, Daniel Richman, Sarah Deck, Jessica and Heather Foster and Nancy Howes and her daughter Karen Howes. Thank you one and all. Richard S. Howes, President.

IT'S DUDES TIME AGAIN
Are these years slipping by faster or does it just seem so to me? At any rate, our Membership Chairman Isabelle Flynn has asked to have a reminder in the newsletter.
Re: Delinquent dues: "D.H.S. By-laws Article III, item 6. If the annual dues of any student, individual, or family member are not paid by the annual meeting, the member shall be notified by the Treasurer or his designee, and unless such dues shall be paid before the following September 1st, the membership shall be terminated as of that date." With your remittance please note, if a seasonal residence, to insure receipt of 3rd class mailing of non-forwarding newsletter, other address and dates of departure and return to Dennis. If a membership card is requested, please enclose a stamped, self-addressed envelope.
D.H.S. Membership Dues--Year September 1, 1993 through August 31, 1994. Student $2.00 Single $8.00, Family $10.00, Individual LIFE $100.00.

DID YOU TRY THE TRIVIA?
If so, you might have won, for no one turned in the answers at the anniversary dinner. Many savvy people were there, however, and when the questions were thrown out to the group, almost all were answered correctly by someone. Get your last months letter out and try the questions before you read on. Some are the same as were asked of the Wixon Middle School kids last month and they were able to answer them. Sobering, isn't it? A lot like asking your grandchild to program the VCR for you! Here goes.
1. Sarah Caverly in 1971. 2. Luther Child Crowell of West Dennis. 3. In Dennis Port, Lower County Road near Division Street. Michael Finnegan of Worcester established a large farm there at the time of World War I. The meadow was originally an open waterway called Pound Pond. 4. In 1927 by Raymond Moore. 5. It was the "Water Cure", established in 1855 by Dr. Edward Nye in a house built in 1846 on the shore of Scargo Lake, just east of "Cap'n Mark's Landing", now the Town Landing on 6A. Clients were enticed to come to the Water Cure to bathe and drink the waters of the lake, and it was guaranteed to cure every ailment. 6. Richard Sears Hall, appointed in 1932. 7. 1978-79. 8. An incredible 61! 9. Scargo Tower. 10. Nobscussets. 11. Totten Hall, for the family which gathered up the individual shares and presented them all to the people of the village.