

village view

by Andrea Leonard

In her book "Horse & Buggy Days on Old Cape Cod," Hattie Blossom Fritze described Osterville as she remembered it in her girlhood. "It was a happy, almost rollicking village; that was" she wrote, "its tempo and its atmosphere."

If she were to join us June 4th this year, her words would be apt indeed, for certainly Osterville shall rollick on Osterville Village Day.

The Osterville Cancer Crusade, chaired by Rosamund Fuller, is sponsoring the celebration for the benefit of the American Cancer Society.

The Village Fair, to take place rain or shine, will be similar to that held in 1976; once again this year the people of Wianno, Oyster Harbors, and even some from Cotuit are joining with members of Osterville families, old and new, to make the crusade a success. People from many other parts of the Cape are participating, as well.

Fair Chairman Jean Ellis has been working unceasingly over the past few months to tie each of the seemingly myriad loose ends which, like frayed bits of rope left hanging in the breeze, constantly need knotting.

A booklet, "Osterville Now and Then," publicizing the event and supported by sponsoring advertisers, is well-salted with stories of the village, its people and its ways. Many of these stories are reprints of articles appearing in this column over the past several years.

The fair committee is comprised of more than a dozen men and women who will contribute to the day's pleasure. Fred Spence of Oyster Harbors is in charge of publicity; Joe Prior has taken responsibility for the advertising; Dan and Isabelle Bushnell are in charge of tickets; and Debby Germyn will handle the raffles.

Pat Pemberton is working with the Osterville Elementary School on the posters; children will receive

prizes for those judged best.

Again this year Margaret Shields, Lou Brock, Bernie Powers and Phil Neagle (who did the scenery for the play to be produced by the entire 5th grade of the school) have all contributed, as has the entire student-body. Each pupil was invited to participate in the poster contest.

In addition, Callie Dwyer is organizing the luncheon to be served to the public. Ruth Burnes is in charge of the plant sale. Skippy Pawloski is collecting items for the White Elephant Table. Melissa Johnson will display and sell handicrafts; and in charge of the specially designed gifts, some of which include framed prints given by Martha and Ralph Cahoon as well as some attractive jewelry made for the occasion, have been donated, is Ruth Ebling of Cotuit, a former Wianno resident.

The day's events, beginning with a parade starting at the Catholic Church and proceeding along Wianno Avenue to Main Street, down Parker Road, and winding up at the Cape Cod Academy on West Bay Road, the site of the former Osterville Grammar School, are programmed for pleasure.

Participants in the parade will include children and adults in costumes befitting the "Osterville Now and Then" theme; prizes will be awarded for best costumes as well as for antique cars, horses, and perhaps some unexpected entrants.

There will be clowns, balloons, a flea market, games of chance, and lots of music in addition to items for sale displayed on the Academy grounds. A musical "Little Red Riding Hood" will be the theatrical production presented by the 5th graders at 11 o'clock. Master of Ceremonies John Linehan will conduct the formal entertainment and present awards.

Luncheon and refreshments will be served at noon, followed by the drawing for winners of the raffle: the doll houses you've seen displayed around the village in recent weeks.

In addition, soprano Grace O'Connor will sing a series of songs described as "Melodic Nostalgia"; her professional background includes performing at Carnegie Hall, musical comedy, opera and TV. She is a graduate of Adelphi College in Garden City, New York, and received her Master's Degree in music from Queens College. On June 12th Ms. O'Connor will give a concert at the Cape Cod Conservatory in Falmouth. She teaches music at the Barnstable Middle School.

Will Harrigan of Hyannis, also a Middle School teacher, will accompany Ms. O'Connor on the guitar. He is the leader of the sixty-piece Middle School Band which will march in the parade and add in large part to the festivity of the occasion. "All the members of the band," he says, "have worked hard in preparation for this appearance, and they deserve a lot of credit."

By popular request Eddie Heywood's Dixieland Band will be present for a return engagement. Two puppet shows, one at noon and the other at 1:00 P.M., will be presented as a special attraction for the younger children and will feature the Mimsy Puppets, under the direction of Virginia Wyeth of Harwich.

General admission of \$1 will include a stub for the door prize; special admission of \$3 will include, as well as the door prize stub, the crabmeat luncheon, complete with potato chips, pickles, a brownie for dessert, and beverage.

Particular thanks are due Mr. Alan MacEachern, proprietor of Cape Cod Awnings, South Yarmouth, for providing the tents at a most generous price. Mr. MacEachern, who has had nine years experience in tenting, is beginning his second season in this field and

has cooperated with the committee in every possible way.

The Cape Cod Academy, a private school for children in grades 1 through 12, emphasizes academics with moral (though not necessarily religious) overtones together with particular attention given to individual relationships between students as well as between the students and their teachers. In offering its facilities to the Cancer Crusade for the fair, the Academy is contributing greatly to the success of Osterville's Village Day.

Warren and Barbara Hansen provided the committee members with innumerable photocopies, and their help and cooperation is appreciated sincerely.

From Packaging Industries has come the donation of a helium tank to inflate the balloons. And what is a fair without balloons?

Credits to those who gave of their time and expertise would be incomplete without mention of LuJean Printing, for Luke Lally and his staff cooperated fully in producing the Memory Book which will serve as a lasting reminder to those who take part in the day's celebration as well as to those who miss the fun, but pick up a copy of the booklet, widely distributed throughout the village.

Special thanks is due Ron Murphy for the art work in the booklet as well as for his excellent article on local fishing.

Come and frolic, come and rollick; join together for hours of play, on this, our Osterville Village Day!